

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF PEMBROKE, NH
July 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

Present: Wendy Weisiger, Sally Hyland, Gerry Fleury, Rick Frederickson

Staff: David Jodoin, Town Administrator. Bob Fanny and VJ Ranfos, Pembroke Public Works.

Also Present: Brian Groshon, Casella

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Wendy Weisiger called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

II. Approval of Minutes – January 6, 2022:

Gerry Fleury made a motion to table approval of the minutes of January 6, 2022.
Rick Frederickson seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

III. New Business:

Contract Discussion:

Brian Groshon explained Casella has moved all contracts to a new software system. This means some new standard language made it into the contract that was sent to the Town that should not have been. Specifically, an energy and environmental fee and an incorrect annual increase were included that were not in the original proposal.

Gerry Fleury asked if they had discussed consolidating the two different agreements that the Town holds with Casella into one. One contract is for curbside pick-up tonnage that is brought to the Casella facility and the other is for what is picked up at the transfer station by Casella. Brian explained his understanding was this contract was just for the disposal rates for what is brought to the facility by the Town from the curbside program. VJ Ranfos explained they would like to include the transfer station roll offs in this 5-year contract.

Gerry Fleury stated they also noticed the anticipated effective date was incorrectly listed as July 1, 2022 but the current contract does not expire until August 31, 2022. Brian explained in one of the sections of the agreement, it states the term of the agreement is September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2027. David Jodoin explained the agreement will not be approved and signed by the Selectman until August 3, 2022. VJ Ranfos also pointed out the annual increase will be July 1 rather than September 1st.

Gerry Fleury stated in the agreement it lists the annual increase is to be determined by CPIU Northeast rather than all cities. There are 4 regions within the United States that the labor department uses to calculate CPU. Brian stated the index used in the original proposal is based on CPI for urban consumer garbage and trash collection. Gerry shared concerns for the delay in the numbers being published and the date of the increase taking effect. Brian explained they would look at the previous 12 months for the yearly increase on September 1 and they will provide supporting documentation to the Town each time. VJ Ranfos shared concerns that the language in the document says an increase of the CPIU or 5%, whichever is greater. Brian stated that was not in the original proposal they sent to the town, but it is in their standard language going forward so the new program put it in the document. They will honor what they sent in the original proposal.

Brian asked if the Committee would like include the transfer station or move forward with the contract for only the curbside collection disposal fees. Casella has not provided a proposal for the transfer station roll offs. David Jodoin asked if they add in the construction and demo, would it change the terms of the agreement. Brian answered it would not, but they would need to look at the rates. Rick Frederickson asked if they would need to do an RFP for the transfer station tonnage. Gerry explained they should not since it is an existing contract with the same vendor and the goal is just to combine the two contracts into one clean contract.

VJ asked a question on behalf of a Selectman who could not attend; Regarding ACR, how is it determined and is there a month to month for the last 12 months? Brian answered he is able to get historical information for whatever time frame they would like for comparison. The formula looks at average material type collected and value, takes those ratios and looks at amount of contaminated materials, looks at the current market, and gives a value that is the ACR.

IV. Other Business:

Gerry Fleury discussed promoting a composting program to take food waste tonnage out of the trash stream. Sally Hyland shared data that an average of 400lbs/year is saved in waste tonnage per household that has a compost bin. Based on the number of bins recently sold, there is potentially a tonnage savings to the town of 40 tons.

V. Adjourn:

Gerry Fleury made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM. Rick Frederickson seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Wendy Weisiger, Chairman

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