

Solid Waste Removal and Recycle Committee Meeting Minutes – January 15, 2020

Members present: Ron Morales, Dan Guilmette, and Bud Staples

Attendees: Pete Lachapelle, Waste Management (WM) and Jamie Saucier, E. Kingston Elementary School Board

Meeting called to order @ 4:00 PM by Chair Ron Morales

This was an information only meeting due to lack of a quorum. No voting took place.

Members briefly reviewed the 4th quarter and annual data for 2019. Recycled tonnage totaled 306.4 tons or 31% of the total solid waste and recycled tonnage of 990.1 tons for the year. This was 1% lower than the 2018. The big change was in the reduction of Bulk waste which totaled 22 tons for 2019 compared to 82.5 tons in 2018 and 70.7 tons in 2017. Credit was given to the implementation of the Bulk waste sticker program implemented in 2019.

Pete Lachapelle (WM) reported that the recycle world is still unstable. Mixed paper still has no value due to lack of a market. Cardboard still has some value, but the cost to process and ship it is more than its value.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of adding the East Kingston Elementary School to the new contract. The school would utilize a 4 yard container weekly for trash and a 6 yard container biweekly for materials that could be recycled. Composting is also being considered by the School and if done would be outside of the WM contract. Pete Lachapelle (WM) said he would issue an Addendum to the new contract that would be effective July 1st. It was estimated by Jamie Saucier that the cost to the school would be reduced to nearly half the present cost. Invoicing for the Addendum would be directly to the School since they have their own budget.

Pete brought up the fact that he would need to finalize the Waste Management Trash and Recycling Collection Services flyer for East Kingston by mid-March. He suggested eliminating the illustration for the Bagster promotion to be able to include language for the Maplevale and Cricket Hill 55+ Communities stating that the dumpsters for trash and recycling are to be used only by their residents. Dates for Bulky pickups and the White Goods/eWaste pickup need to be finalized along with the costs related to the sticker program. It was decided that Pete would make the language changes and email them to Committee members for review and approval, while it will be left to the Board of Selectmen to determine any fee change for the sticker program. It was mentioned that Lowe's now charges \$30 to recycle white goods, an increase from \$20. If needed, Ron will call a Special Meeting to review these limited items.

The next regular Committee meeting is scheduled for April 15th at 4:00 PM at the Pound School.

Ron Motioned to Adjourn, Bud Seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05PM.

William (Bud) Staples

Recording Secretary