

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm.

Present: John Margie, Chairman; David Sheedy, Vice Chairman; William Dowling, Clerk; George Samia, Town Administrator; and Gloria Mitchell, Administrative Assistant.

William Dowling stated that the reason for the meeting was to receive an update from Tracey Costa from Ransom Consulting Engineers and Scientists in regards to the former Eastern States Steel Site and the Precise Engineering Site and also have a discussion with the DPW Director in regards to the future plans for Solid Waste.

DPW Director, John Haines, presented a report on the Municipal Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Program. Due to the current contract not self-sustaining, the recommendation is for the Town eliminate the Pay As You Throw Program and move to a subscriber based program. The curbside collection program would now be: utilizing the current 96 gallons toter for recycling; an additional 64 gallon toter for household trash in lieu of yellow trash bags; yellow trash bags will still available but only to subscribers for overflow; collection schedule would stay the same with weekly solid waste and bi-weekly for recycling; subscribers would be allowed to put out one bulky item per week and ability to utilize the Recycling Center for disposal of large cardboard, electronics and yard waste; residential service would all be included for the annual subscription fee of \$300.00; service still provided by Republic Services and still remains voluntary option for the residents of East Bridgewater. Mr. Haines stated that the \$300.00 fee is the amount needed to run the program. There was a discussion in regards to the frequency of the billing. The Selectmen will meet with Republic Services during the day within the next couple of weeks and make a final decision.

George Samia reviewed the history of the Eastern States Steel and Precise Engineering Sites. Tracey Costa from Ransom Consulting Engineers and Scientists reviewed the report with an update on the above mentioned sites which included: site background; work performed by Ransom; Above-ground contamination-building materials; soil and groundwater contamination; and next steps. Due to the findings of contaminants the next steps would be to apply for an EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant for Precise Engineering Site and Post-Acquisition for Eastern States Steel Site. The EPA Grant is a cost share grant and if the Town applied for the \$200,000.00 grant per parcel, the Town is obligated to pay 20% of the Grant for a total of \$40,000.00 per parcel. There was a discussion in regards to what to do with the properties and if restrictions would be put on them if they were to be sold and used as commercial properties. Ms. Costa will work with Mr. Samia to complete the Grant Application for the Precise Engineering Site since this is the only property that the Town actually owns at this time. Ransom will be working on Phase 3 reports with recommendations.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, motion to recess and return at 6:30 pm for regularly scheduled meeting.

VOTE: Yes – Margie, Sheedy, Dowling; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting recessed at 6:05 pm

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Board of Selectmen