

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 at 9:30 am.

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

John Margie stated the purpose of the meeting was to have a discussion with the DPW Director, John Haines, and Republic Services in regards to the Solid Waste Plan.

DPW Director, John Haines; Terry Grady, Municipal Services Manager for Republic Services; and Patricia Barreira, Operations Supervisor for Republic Services were present. Mr. Haines gave a copy of his recommendations that were given at the last Selectmen's Meeting which gave the challenges with the program now and his plan going forward. Mr. Grady presented some information from what other communities are doing. There was a discussion in regards to bi-weekly recycling, Mr. Grady stated that weekly recycling would be a significant increase in cost.

There was a discussion in regards to the use of the Recycling Center for subscribers of the program and possibly charging a fee for residents that do not subscribe. Mr. Haines stated that there has been a significant increase in the use of the Recycling Center within the past few years due to the fact that there is a nominal or no fee for items being turned in, especially for items that are hard to get rid of. Mr. Haines also stated that it is now more expensive to get rid of recycled products than it is to get rid of regular solid waste due to the fact that recycle products are not in as much of a demand.

Mr. Haines mentioned that the Town will need to let Republic Services know by January 1, 2018 if they are going with their services and program. Republic Services is willing to work with the Town to make people aware of the change and allow time for residents to make the decision. Mr. Haines reiterated that this is the best program that is sustainable and will not cost anything to the Town, the program in the past has never been sustainable.

Mr. Samia stated that, unlike some other towns, this program is not mandatory and the residents have the option to use this program or hire their own independent company.

Mr. Haines will come back to the Selectmen with answers to the following questions: recommendation of fee that should be charged for use of Recycle Center if not in the program; recommendation of places to sell bags for overflow; recommendation of how billing will be handled; the fee for an additional barrel for solid waste; and how the 1 bulky item per week is handled.

The Selectmen will then make the decision as to whether or not to extend the contract with Republic Services and how the billing is going to be handled.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am


Clerk
Board of Selectmen