

TOWN OF ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS
ADAMS TOWN HALL, 1st FLOOR MAHOGANY ROOM, ADAMS, MA 01220

BOARD OF SELECTMEN WORKSHOP MINUTES 05/8/2018

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duval at 6:00 p.m. Members Blanchard, Hoyt, Nowak and Bush were present. Also in attendance were Interim Town Administrator Cesan, Treasurer/Tax Collector Rice, and Linda Cernik from the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District.

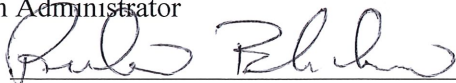
NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on Transfer Station Operations and FY19 Fees: Treasurer Rice explained the sticker and permitting process and gave the Board the sales receipt amounts for the year to date. A proposal base on the cost for hauling and a summary of costs that was outlined by the Town Accountant were given to the Board. It was noted that the compactor is not functioning on three-phase power capacity, and the costs to retrofit the unit were discussed. Based on the information provided, including the staring costs and the cost to haul, not taking into account the cost of the Attendant to run the station, a proposal was made to raise the annual sticker fee to \$50, and to increase the cost of bags from \$1.00 to \$1.20. Brief discussion took place about whether to raise the bag cost to \$1.25 instead of \$1.20 took place and it was explained that it was easier on both staff and citizens for making change to leave it at \$1.20. A concern was expressed that an increase in sticker cost would cause a drop in sales, but it was clarified that the previous sticker cost was for a half year of service, so there is essentially no increase. Further discussion took place about transfer station hours, and a suggestion was made to offer an additional evening. Thursdays in the summer were proposed as a possibility, with the Transfer Station staying open until 8:00 p.m. A suggestion was made to increase the number of Bulky Waste collections to two to four times per year to help residents. A query was made whether the Town was still accepting brush and it was clarified that the Town is accepting brush still but because the site is limited and additional equipment will likely be needed to keep up with it. It was noted that the Transfer Station site is kept neat and clean by the DPW staff. Trash is currently being hauled by TAM, which is the current contractor. Further discussion took place on whether expansion of the Transfer Station could take place, and it was explained that the Town will take over the Tire Program on July 1st for the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste Management District (NBSWMD). Ms. Cernik explained that the NBSWMD is getting organized and establishing rules. The Republic Services contract for recycling was explained and runs until 2020 with small yearly increases. It was explained that it is critical to pack the bins tightly or the Town ends up paying more than it needs to. Ms. Rice advised she ordered new stickers in a new color, and she will be at the Transfer Station on Saturdays in June to sell the new stickers.

Consensus was reached by Board Members on the price increase and it was noted the fees will be formally set after public discussion at the May 16, 2018 Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Member Blanchard to adjourn the meeting, second by Member Hoyt, Vote: Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

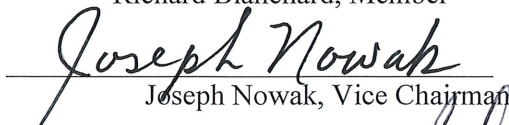
Respectfully Submitted by Donna E. Cesan,
Interim Town Administrator



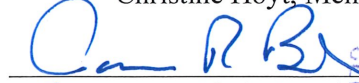
Richard Blanchard, Member



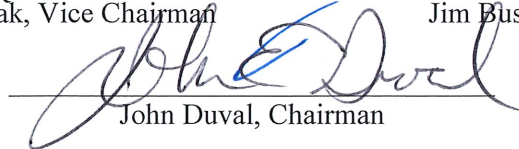
Christine Hoyt, Member



Joseph Nowak, Vice Chairman



Jim Bush, Member



John Duval, Chairman

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