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TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM  
Tuesday, June 26, 2017  
6:00 PM

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DATE: 10-16-17

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Board was called to order in open session at 6:05 p.m. by Chair Jim Williams in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Selectmen Mark Paolillo and Adam Dash were present. Department of Public Works Director, Mr. Jay Marcotte was present as well as Recycling Coordinator Ms. Marybeth Calnan.

Chair Williams turned to the agenda.

**Informational Presentation on Collection and Disposal Options for Solid Waste for Fiscal Year 2019. – Department of Public Works Director Jay Marcotte and Recycling Coordinator Mary Beth Calnan.**

Department of Public Works Director, Jay Marcotte, introduced himself as well as Ms. Mary Beth Calnan and they began the presentation on the "Trash and Recycling Discussion." The presentation discussed the current trash contract, the procurement process, and the two collection options (automated and pay-as-you-throw/SMART).

The floor was then opened for discussion and questions from residents.

Don Mercier: Stated that he would like grants to be looked into to pay for the new trash and recycling carts. If grant money could not be found, could the contractor take the ownership of the carts? Concerned about quality of barrels and quality control. We shouldn't own barrels. He would like to see more of the contract bid requirements, and would like for there to be made a provision for "clean-out" services.

Mary Anne Scali: Against Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT). Discussed the administrative cost differences associated with the PAYT bags versus that of the automated option. If we go to automated, can use old barrels for recycling. John Gilman: Discussed ease of use and convenience being top priorities. Using PAYT bags is counterintuitive.

Ms. Cabel Ames: Wanted to know more about how the Town will manage the waste and locations for disposal/collection. There will be big changes coming from the State on solid waste.

Kate Loren: Discussed that participation is not the same as single-stream recycling. Would like to see the Town working with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in order to increase public education on recycling.

Amanda Mujica: Why carts? Get away from using plastic.

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Doug Koplow: Review of process and bid driving the actual costs. Survey other towns and look at 5 days/week collection.

Pat Bruschi: Like the spring clean/ fall clean idea for collecting larger items Discussed the Town's override/ underide. Concerned that trash migrates from other towns. Contract provision/ expectation need to be clear. Are there any details available for those with special needs? Take cart to curb and then fill. Opposed to PAYT, She believes that PAYT only increases recycling when recycling participation isn't good. Where are the carts to be located on your property/ roadside? Can there be two options for the new trash and recycling cart sizes?

Roy Epstein: Concerns were about the cost of bags, two bag options sizes? Two cart sizes? Bags should cost \$1.20-1.25 not \$2.00/bag

Therese Hammerly: Does not favor unlimited trash collection, it is not environmentally sustainable. How do winter conditions affect new trash collection options? Will have a hard time with automated carts, sloped driveway.

John O'Connor: Supports being environmentally friendly, but not PAYT with charge. Against PAYT. He is worried that this could lead to Health Department/ Enforcement issues with trash held at properties. Carts help against rodents.

Kim Slack: Appreciates the Town's transparency. Has an environmental concern for automated option. Mr. Slack discussed the speed variables between manual pickup versus automated pickup. Change should be made to the option that has the most benefit that comes with that change. Bag receipts should be revenue neutral.

Zimmerman: If the PAYT option is chosen, a one bag "free" option should be considered. Can the current owner containers be reused, maybe for yard waste? There should be more education on recycling and on food waste recycling such as composting. There should be additional meetings with precincts or another Board of Selectmen meeting held on this topic.

#### **Discussion Related to Lottery Sales for All Retail Liquor License Holders**

Town Council, George Hall, was called on to review the Lottery Discussion and Keno display for reconsideration. The two stores currently with Keno displays are L.C. Variety and Handy Spa.

The State Treasurer/ designee can file an appeal if discussion is opposed to Town decision.

Review of liquor license regulations to consider lottery sales allowed for retail sale of alcohol, malt beverages, and wine. In preparation for annual license renewal for calendar year 2018, draft by the Board of Selectmen will be updated when Keno hearing result is provided.

Erin Lubien advocated for business options to allow Keno monitors. She stated that they have no

neighborhood impact, and she stated that the Board should instead advocate for impacting prohibition of soda. She stated the post-mortem policy is not productive. Transfer of license should not be used to create policy to restrict business model for discussion over Loading Dock transfer.

Star Market did not question the agreement to no longer sell lottery. The lottery requested the Board of Selectmen to reconsider the policy about alcohol license and sale of lottery.

Ms. Lubien wanted to know the related revenues from Star Market, and was worried that some affected businesses may be too busy to attend this meeting.

**Next Meeting:** July 17, 2017 7:00 PM Board of Selectmen Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,



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