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Resource Recovery Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 13, 2023, 7:30 pm
Clifford B. Green Memorial Building
and via Zoom

Present: Austin Tanner, Joe Voccio, Lou Brodeur, Ken Dykstra

Also Present: Andre Beaudoin, Stephen Mylly, Mark Morgan

Absent: Rick Ives

1. Call to Order: A. Tanner called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

2. Approve Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023: L. Brodeur made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023; J. Voccio seconded the motion; minutes of April 5, 2023 were approved.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Earth Day ½ Price at Landfill Assistance: A. Beaudoin states they should have no problem handling Earth Day with the three of them working, and he will call about getting an extra roll off.

5. Budget

-Tires

-Waste

A. Beaudoin reported that the Landfill was busier on Wednesday and Saturday due to the holiday (Good Friday) and that it is something we need to keep an eye on. The automated gate at the Highway Department will be very helpful so that people cannot freely get rid of their trash during off hours. A. Tanner stated that he and S. Cates had talked about how the Landfill is not breaking even financially (\$62,000 in and \$67,000 out), so an increase across the board might be in order. A. Beaudoin thought it was a better idea to do two smaller increases instead of one large one since we will be getting a new contract in July. L. Brodeur made a motion, J. Voccio seconded, and it was passed that as of May 3, 2023, the increase for tires and bulky waste would be as follows:

-Bulky waste from .12 cents to .15 cents per pound

-Car tires from \$2.00 to \$3.00 off the rim and \$5.00 to \$7.00 on the rim

-Truck tires \$7.00 to \$10.00 off the rim and \$10.00 to \$15.00 on the rim

A. Beaudoin stated his wife will create a sign showing the increase, and S. Mylly will work on preparing flyers that they can hand out. The contract for trash and recycling is going out to bid, and depending on the results, a further increase in the bags and other items may need to be made.

6. Landfill Attendant Report: A. Beaudoin reports that the three employees are going to be able to do all the jobs at the Landfill, register, traffic, operating equipment. He says they are working on cleaning the place up, painting the sheds, making it look better, all with the free stuff that comes in and in their free time. He says the credit card machine still takes a long time. He also stated that we seem to be the only Landfill where you can bring your garbage and we need to keep an eye on the volume coming in. A. Beaudoin stated that free things being left out are being taken, which is better than the swap shed.

7. Other Business: A. Beaudoin states they are trying to get rid of the wood pile, should they offer it to the public. A. Tanner read his proposed bid for trash and recycling contracts, and J. Voccio suggested adding language about the Town reserving its right to take the lowest bid. CWPM, All-American, Sterling Superior, and Casella Waste are some of the local contractors.

8. Public Comment: Mark Morgan, a Municipal Account Manager from Casella Waste, spoke about the recent increases and what caused them, and how the company will always provide a good level of service to the Town, which has been a long-time customer. M. Morgan suggested putting the bid on the CT Bid Board. He is willing to look at numbers, etc. to see what he can do for us. It was discussed that letters can be sent out with the tax bill reiterating what and what is not allowed in the recycling bins. A. Beaudoin mentioned that S. Mylly will need to do the courses to get licenses on the scale and from the DEP.

9. Adjourn: A. Tanner adjourned the meeting at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Mileski, Recording Secretary