

**DUNBARTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2013
TOWN OFFICES – 3:30 P.M.**

The Dunbarton Board of Selectmen held their scheduled meeting with the NRRA (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) at the above time, date and place with Les Hammond, Chairman, presiding.

The following were present:

**Les Hammond, Chairman
Ted Vallieres, Selectman
Travis James, Selectman
Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary
Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager**

**Mike Durfor, Executive Director, Northeast Resource Recovery Association
Bonnie Bethune, Member Services Manager, Northeast Resource Recovery Association**

Les Hammond called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. with a full Selectmen's Board and Alison Vallieres, Recording Secretary.

Mike Durfor, Executive Director of NRRA, presented a spread sheet showing various options for Dunbarton and other towns to consider in making a decision regarding trash. (attached)

He noted the following:

1. Dunbarton is in the driver's seat. Dunbarton gets to decide where your trash goes.
2. The City of Concord has put their trash out for bid. Bids were to be in by May 17, 2013.
3. The City of Concord will make their final decision as to whether or not they will continue with the Coop by June 26, 2013. They will have a signed contract in place by June 20th. They have six bids and every one is different.
4. The Coop is asking that Towns make a commitment to the Coop by June 30, 2013.
5. Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager, has tried to get commitments from facilities with no success because everyone is waiting for the City of Concord's final decision.
6. There is a possibility that the City of Concord will build their own Transfer Station and be able to take trash from other Towns also. This would be a possibility for Dunbarton.
7. Noted there is considerable cost in transportation to trash facilities such as Berlin and Bethlehem. Would make more sense to try to stay local.
8. No matter what decision is made, the Town of Dunbarton can continue in the Coop until 2015.
9. Dunbarton does not have to make a decision right now.
10. Best case scenario is that costs will be lower than \$66.00/ton.
11. Need to know the City of Concord's numbers before making any decision.
12. Bestway has been bought by Cassella.

13. Bestway is picking up trash one day and recyclables another day.

Ted Vallieres asked how NRRRA got involved in the MSW.

Mike Durfor stated that some of the southern towns have asked us to bid on the trash. We looked at the Charter. We are supposed to help our members to get the best price possible. We are a non-profit and can give you a lower number. We are not bidding on the trash contracts.

Noted that Jim Presher has done a good job in presenting the Coop's plan.

With regard to the ash landfill in Franklin, the Coop will still own the landfill.

Noted that 30% - 35% of recycling is organic waste. People are reducing their overall waste. The more recycling that occurs the less trash is generated. Dunbarton does a very good job with recycling. This is "clean" recycling because it is hand sorted, etc.

Ted Vallieres noted that we should wait until the City of Concord votes. We will then know the numbers. If the City of Concord is in the Coop, the Coop will have the required tonnage. If not, they will have to look for trash tonnage from towns, etc. The City of Concord wants to look for other options.

Mike Durfor noted that the Town of Dunbarton does have other options than the Coop. There are six sites that the Town of Dunbarton can go to at this point.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Transfer Station Light Pole:

Patrick Bowne, Transfer Station Manager, reported that the light pole at the Transfer Station had broken off at the base. He has checked with Ernie's Electric and it will be \$3,500 to replace it. It will be \$1,200 less if we provide our own pole. Want to know if the Town wants to consider putting in LED lights instead of the ones that are presently there.

Will have Line Comeau, Town Administrator, check regarding a possible insurance claim.

The Board of Selectmen noted they should put a damage claim in to the insurance company to see if they will pay anything towards the replacement.

Les Hammond will ask Jeff Crosby, Road Agent, about asking Brian Nordle for a used pole, etc.

Ted Vallieres suggested that Patrick Bowne contact John Stevens regarding the replacement of the light to see if it would be economical to replace with LED lights, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned with the following motion:

MOTION:

Ted Vallieres made a motion that the Board of Selectmen meeting adjourn at 5:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Travis James and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alison R. Vallieres, Recording Secretary

Les Hammond, Chairman

Ted Vallieres, Selectman

Travis James, Selectman