

Budget Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018- Town Hall

ARSWC Special Budget Meeting Minutes

- Present:

*John Hinds, Bill Nickerson, Katie Smith, Roz McLean, Ros Arienti, Jon Biehler, Paul Schlein,
Guests – Norma Dreyfus, Stan Lane, Bill Savedoff*

- Start time 6:00 End time 7:00

Victor Horton at MRRR-Katie Smith

- Aside from using Single Stream we only have a few options
- Casella rates are going to be comparable
- Town wide dumpster – glass, mixed paper etc.?
 - This was done in past – expensive and labor intensive
 - Our recycling rate
- Small markets are available. Example: Vietnam

Other towns: Woolwich, Georgetown, Phippsburg, Dresden- What are they doing?

- **Woolwich – Jon Biehler**

Using EcoMaine town increased budget \$25,000

- **Georgetown and Dresden**

Roll away bins –

Georgetown is only taking specific plastics

EcoMaine-Jon Biehler

- Not a plastic problem, paper is the issue. Last year they were getting \$100 now they are paying \$60 to get rid of paper. Going overseas.
- Contamination – 20-30%
- Making money off of glass, metal, cardboard and #2 plastic
- Loss of mix paper market – no newspapers
- EcoMaine not an option: not taking new towns, no transportation
- Non-profit, put money away for hard times

Craig Rogers-Katie Smith

- There will be only a slight increase for labor and fuel unless there is a significant change in procedure dictated by Casella
- Katie will reach out again to get numbers

Casella -Paul Schlein

- Current fee is \$28/ton
- Contract – 3 years based on \$95/ton recycling, additional components (processing cost, minus ACR, plus handling cost at West Bath transfer, plus the transportation to Lewiston recycling recycling)
- ACR – average commodity revenue (variable)
- Parameters of contract are up to us – 6mos., one year, three years or even no contract (gate rate – depends on the “price of the day”)

- Recommends not making any change. Both Casella and EcoMaine are of the mind that this will change. Suggested a one-year contract
- 100% of their materials are being recycled in the USA, only paper is going overseas
- A few towns in NH not recycling, but all other towns are continuing to recycle
- Worse case scenario – ACR goes to \$0, so we have to pay \$110/ton for recycling – in our contract

Current – \$28/ton - \$1653 (60 tons per year)

Future - \$110/ton - \$6,600 - maximum (asking for an extra \$5000)

Request for recycling – was \$11,000 will raise \$5,000 so will request \$16,000

- Contingency fund will cover if we go over

Environmental costs need to be considered

Public Message –

- *Reuse, Repair and Reduce*
- *Don't contaminate*
- *It is worth recycling, we are committed as a town*