

ARSWC Special Meeting 4/23/26

Review of bids for Recycling and Solid Waste for '26-27

Present: Nadine deVries, Jon Biehler, Ros Arieti, Don Sheldon, Frank Daly, Roz McLean

Review of Nadine's notice to the Town for an open meeting to offer public comment on potential changes to our collection system.

Why we put this out to bid:

We had a request from an independent hauler for a chance bid on our business. In fairness to the town and to service providers, we thought we should be sending out an RFP to explore our options, rather than continuing contracts indefinitely with the same hauler. There was interest in EcoMaine as a tipping site, if we could find a hauler and the price was reasonable.

We received bids from RC Rogers, Casella and EcoMaine

We received no hauling bids to bring material to EcoMaine. Rogers returned a bid that showed an increase of 35% over this year's contract, or 13k, an increase per household of approximately \$60/year for hauling our recycling and trash.

Casella's bid for both hauling and tipping would be in line with our expected budget increase for both.

Casella's program offers upgraded services for a similar price to what we are currently paying*:

Recycling weekly in summer added to current schedule

New technology in an automated system- the way of the future for safety and efficiency

Free bins, in 2 possible sizes, provided with built-in lids (leads to consistently drier trash and recycling)

Less environmental impact: one truck vs two on our roads (picks up both recycling and trash in one stop)

Mobile and web App that gives reminder notices about trash day, avenue for complaints

Widget that tells whether something is trash or recycling

Waste wizard: A-Z tool: learn how to properly dispose of material and where to take items not accepted at the curb.

Mattress recycling

*Casella's bid includes a Fuel adjuster surcharge. They have one truck that would cover Arrowsic. Question is how many trips per hauling per day?

The committee's recommendation is to go with Casella.

Could we get a video of Casella's system in action?

Meeting adjourned 6:30 to go look at examples of 2 sizes of bins dropped off by Casella

Respectfully submitted, Roz McLean