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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2024

Chairman Pitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Selectman Paight and Selectman Nelson were present. Also in attendance were Ellen Smith, Town Administrator, Craig Cashman, DPW Director, David Aiken, RTC Manager, Matt Peard, Monadnock Disposal, Liza Sargent, SVE Associates, Dave Bergeron, Roland Veaudry, and Dustin Franco.

Chairman Pitt began by stating the purpose of this meeting was to discuss how we bring the RTC into the 21st century. The town had an existing site plan done earlier this year. Liza and Dave will develop a site plan for the new design with input from Monadnock Disposal.

The town needs to know what can be done with the existing site and develop processes that will get us to a good place for the next 20 years. We are looking for the most efficient use with the least amount of disruption. The building in the center of the site needs to go as do the bailers and railcar. The smaller building will be evaluated and may be used for office space and bathroom facilities for employees.

Current processes were discussed and with a very different recycling market than it has been, the labor associated with separating materials does not generate revenues as it had in the past. Matt explained that he takes materials to Casella in Auburn MA where it is sorted. Nationwide only about 20% of materials get recycled.

The site will need to have proper traffic flow. Site design will need to allow for container placement and walkways easily accessible for the users as well as for ease of hauling.

In addition to waste that goes into the compactor, a second compactor may be used for cardboard. Other containers will be for paper (anything you can rip), cans and plastic, glass, metal, and construction debris. Storage/containment areas will be designed for other materials that are collected and recycled by outside vendors such as propane tanks, electronics, bulbs, tires, batteries, etc.

There should be no problem staying open during construction.

The next meeting of this group is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 10:00 am.

At 11:35 am Craig Cashman, DPW Director, David Aiken, RTC Manager, Matt Peard, Monadnock Disposal, Liza Sargent, SVE Associates, and Dave Bergeron left the meeting to tour the RTC.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to approve the April 18, 2024, Direct Deposit Register in the amount of \$12,964.04, and the Accounts Payable Register in the amount of \$63,136.83. The vote to approve was unanimous.

The board reviewed and signed the agreement with SVE Associates for engineering work to be done for the Complete Streets Grant for improvements to the crosswalk at Route 101 and Ling Street and 2 electrical permit applications Map 08-028 and Map 01-027.

Chairman Pitt and Selectman Paight will meet on Saturday for the Gates House Auction, as posted.

Selectman Nelson moved and Selectman Paight seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 pm. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen Smith, Town Administrator