



Town of Plaistow ♦ Board of Selectmen
145 Main Street ♦ Plaistow ♦ NH ♦ 03865

PLAISTOW BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

DATE: January 30, 2021

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:07 a.m.

SELECTMEN:

Selectwoman, Francine Hart, Chairman
Selectman, Julian Kiszka
Selectman, Jay DeRoche
Greg Colby, Finance Director

Selectman, Greg Taillon, Vice Chairman
Selectman, John A. Blinn, Sr. - Excused
Mark Pearson, Town Manager

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 8:07a.m.

F. Hart turns the meeting over to Mark Pearson, Town Manager.

M. Pearson states he prepared a memo to the Board as a path forward for continuing trash and recycling pickup through the remainder of the 2021 year. The proposed budget is not sufficiently funded for solid waste. There is no way to negotiate, in good faith, with any trash contractors until the 2021 operational budget is approved at the March Town Meeting. The proposed short-term solution is to extend the current JRM contract from July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

M. Pearson worked with James Motzkin, the President of JRM. JRM has agreed to honor the existing collection rate of \$514,935.00 annually (\$42,911.25/month). The disposal rate for trash will be billed at \$78.00 a ton and the disposal rate for recycling will be billed at \$78.00 a ton. The agreement will only be valid if the Board of Selectmen ratifies the agreement today.

F. Hart asks if there is a clause for non-appropriation in the extension contract.

M. Pearson replies no, and it was not in the original contract either.

J. Kiszka is concerned about the first few months of 2022. Voting will not happen on a 2022 budget until March of 2022. How will we pay the first few months of trash pickup/recycling from January – March 2022.

M. Pearson replies, we pay all bills for the first few months without a budget. We do it now.

G. Taillon asks for advice for deliberative session. Should the citizen's petition be amended or should money be added to the operating budget.

G. Colby replies it is better to add it to the operating budget.

J. DeRoche would like to see it as part of the operating budget.

G. Taillon motions to ratify the JRM Hauling and Recycling Services, Inc. "Six (6) Month Contract Extension for Curbside Trash and Recycling" Agreement dated January 28th, 2021, to commence on July 1, 2021 and end on December 31, 2021. This contract extension will honor the existing collection rate of \$514,935.00 annually (\$42,911.25 monthly) and the disposal rate for trash will be billed at \$78.00 a ton and the disposal rate for recycling will be billed at \$78.00 a ton. Seconded by J. Kiszka.

Discussion: J. Kiszka asks what will happen if we do not get money added to the budget for solid waste at deliberative session.

M. Pearson states the facts, the current contract ends on June 30th, 2021. As of July, we still need trash picked up.

G. Taillon asks if the worst-case scenario happens and we have only the default budget passed in March what will we do.

G. Colby replies, cuts will have to be made in other departments to find the money to fund trash collection.

Vote: 4-0-0

Motion carries.

F. Hart adjourns the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Hossack

Recording Secretary