

# Curbside Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Curbside Advisory Committee is being conducted via remote participation.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Adams at 3:02 p.m.

**Attendance by roll call:** Committee members; Councilor's Adams, Steeves, Marketti, Mr. Splaine, Mr. Buxton, and Mr. LaRochelle.

Mr. W. Cournoyer was online for any I.T. issues.

**Agenda #1:** Motion to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020 was made by Mr. Splaine, seconded by Mr. Buxton. Voted in favor by roll call. Accepted by all present.

**Agenda #2:** No audience

**Agenda #3, Review of Presentation:** Chair Adams spoke about reviewing each slide and solicit input from the group on any spelling or formatting issues and any other info that should be included or deleted.

Mr. Buxton questioned if any costs represented should be included since a true cost would not be known until an RFP was received. Chair Adams stated that all cost figures were estimates obtained from Finance Director Karen Harnois and Director of Inspectional Services, Andy Pelletier, tc.

Councilor Marketti suggested we proceed slide by slide.

**Slide 8,** Councilor Marketti suggested we add Sturbridge Recycling and Transfer Station as several of the members toured that facility as well as those mentioned. Councilor Adams stated this would be added.

**Slide 9,** Councilor Marketti questioned if commercial reporting would be included in an RFP as it was in the present landfill contract. The question was directed to Mr. Pelletier who was having problems hearing and would talk and give Councilor Adams the information offline. Mr. Pelletier exited the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

**Slide 10,** Councilor Marketti questioned the hazardous waste prices listed on the slide. Councilor Adams stated that he received these quarterly estimates from Andy and would confirm and obtain updated for the next meeting.

**Slide 11,** Councilor Adams explained how the various funding would be listed and Councilor Marketti asked about previous minutes with regards to listed options. Councilor Adams will review and update.

**Slide 14,** Many questions on where the maximum 2.65 million came from. It was explained by several members of the many variables that could arise from a bidder including the purchase of trucks to the possible increase of disposal. Councilor Adams would review past emails and update.

**Slide 15**, Councilor Marketti asked about the wording required vs. not required. Much discussion was held and Councilor Adams would investigate the last bullet points as possible options for the council to consider. Mr. Splaine left the meeting at 4:01 p.m.

**Slide 16**, Discussion was held on listing possible funding sources such as taxes, savings, enterprise fund, etc. as the presentation would be given to a new council where new members may not be fluent on the many funding sources. Additions to the list will be included.

Councilor Steeves continued the meeting via comment as his phone died.

**Slide 17**, Much discussion was held regarding the title "Independent Contracting". This could be changed to something like homeowner contracting as the property owner would be contracting their own hauler.

**Slide 18**, Discussion was held on the possibility of regional approach with neighboring communities which perhaps would show a cost savings for all. This will be explored.

**Slide 19**, Much discussion was held of how the listing could be formatted between slides 18 and 19. Councilor Adams will see how this info can better flow.

**Slide 26**, Much discussion was held about this slide. Some say that the only recommendation from the committee was Contracted Collection, others say list 1,2,3 or 1,2 and 3 (not recommended). Mr. LaRochelle suggested the title be changed to Committee Options and next to each of the three bullets list (recommended) or (not recommended). This will be taken under advisement.

**Slides 28 & 29**, Councilor Adams stated that these two slides were just notes he made for himself, but many members suggested the options such as funding, transfer station, and PAYT should be moved prior to the question slide for council review.

Councilor Adams suggested that the memorandum sent by Mr. Pelletier be included in the councilors packet as supporting data which was agreed by all.

The next meeting will be held on May 5, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

**Agenda #5, Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Marketti, seconded by Mr. Buxton, Voted affirmative by roll call, Councilors Adams, Marketti, Steeves (by text comment), Mr. Buxton, and Mr. LaRochelle at 4:46 p.m.

Respectively submitted,  
Roland R. LaRochelle