



2016 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SELECTBOARD MEETING
"SPECIAL INFORMATION MEETINGS"
TRASH/RECYCLING CONTRACT & FISCAL YEAR TRANSITION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2016 @ 7:00 PM
&
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2016 @ 1 PM.

The drafted minutes presented below are unapproved subject to corrections and/or additions at the next Selectboard meeting. Those corrections and/or additions will be written to an amended version of the minutes, which will also be made available to the public.

Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine, Leebeth Ann Lemieux and Duane Leach.

Staff Present: Deb Woodward, TC & Treasurer and Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst.

Public Present: Approximately sixty-five residents were in attendance at both of the meetings. Representatives from Casella, General Manager, Michael Casella and Waste Reduction Services representative Bob Perry; Myers Red Can Family, Joe Myers; John Leddy, Executive Director, Northwest Solid Waste District. (Flyers were sent out to every residence two weeks prior to the meetings.)

Call to Order: Tom called the "special informational meetings" to order and welcomed everyone for coming.

Agenda: Trash/Recycling and Transitioning into a Fiscal Year
Tom gave a brief explanation of what caused the Board to hold the special meeting(s). He explained Act 148, and the requirements it has place on the town now and in the future. He reviewed the choices the town has in handling trash and recycling. He talked about Article 3, Warning 2016 Fairfax, VT Annual Town Meeting and Local Election.

At this time, Michael Casella and Bob Perry talked to the residents about the services Casella would provide. Household Hazardous Waste Days were also discussed and a preliminary pricing overview given. Questions from the residents were taken and answered which included: the cost of the proposed contract, the meaning of a non-binding contract, what services would be provided, the cost per week/month. The Board was asked why RFQ's were not received. Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair of the SelectBoard, responded to the position we were put in with a sixty day notice given to the Board by the current hauler of discontinuation of service.

Informational Meetings Minutes Cont.

John Leddy, NSW District, presented an Agreement and Terms of Admission for the Town of Fairfax to Join the NSWAWM District. The agreement outlines the cost to the town to join as well as the cost per year. It also explains the provision that the \$2.50 per capita payment be made over a period of 5 years.

Deb Woodward, Town Clerk & Treasurer - Transitioning into a Fiscal Year

Deb gave an informative presentation on going from a calendar year to a fiscal year billing cycle of July 1 - June 30. She read Article 4, which is will be a floor vote at town meeting Saturday, February 27th. Deb covered the advantages of transitioning and what it would mean to the taxpayer. She explained that transitioning would begin January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 (an eighteen month transition cycle). Deb recommended that the first tax payment would be due November 15, 2017 and a second payment due April 25, 2018. Deb informed the taxpayers that the Selectboard would waive any interest fee for anyone that does not make their first payment on time during the transition. Deb gave an example of an eighteen month tax bill.

Recess:

8:40 PM: Tom recessed the meeting to Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 1:00 pm.

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Public Present: Approximately sixty residents were in attendance at the meeting. Representatives from Casella, General Manager, Michael Casella and Waste Reduction Services representative Bob Perry.

Call to Order: Tom called the recessed meeting of 2.11.16 to reconvene.

The topics were the same as discussed at the previous meeting on the trash and recycling article with the Board taking questions.

Deb Woodward, Town Clerk & Treasurer gave an informative presentation on going from a calendar year to a fiscal year.

Adjourn: The meeting concluded at 2:30 pm.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
Fairfax Selectboard
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