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PRESENT: E. B. Beattie, Chairman; L. Gargiulo, Vice Chairman; M. R. Lane, Selectman;
L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator, L. Jordan, Town Secretary

J. Ziolkowski of E.L.M. Services, Inc., is present to discuss the last seven weeks of service and share his perspective on the industry and other matters.

CURBSIDE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

J. Ziolkowski presented the Board with a sheet containing an additional three weeks of tonnage prices (see charts below).

E.L.M. summarized the transition in the past seven weeks, mentioning the need to educate residents and some adjustment issues. He felt after the second week after a second packer truck was brought in that service was increasingly smoother. The two-vehicle route is now consistent and residents are acclimating. Regarding customer service, aside from one incident with a disgruntled resident, the one or two calls a week E.L.M. receives generally are about a missed curbside pick-up. E.L.M. returns and resolves the matter same day in these cases. Each week the trucks are starting earlier with a goal to start at 6 a.m. in anticipation of shorter days and the end of Daylight Savings Time, in line with the E.L.M. goal not to be out in the dark hours. E.L.M. mentioned COVID-19 trash has inflated tonnage numbers from previous years. He also reported that service with Covanta has been seamless.

Monthly Tonnage Reporting: Solid Waste (MSW)

Date	Weight (tons)	Cost
7/3/20	16.89	\$1,520.10
7/10/20	15.4	\$1,386.00
7/17/20	14.33	\$1,289.70
7/24/20	14.03	\$1,262.70
7/31/20	14.91	\$1,341.90
8/7/20	14.56	\$1,310.40
8/14/20	14.3	\$1,287.00
8/21/20	15.02	\$1,351.80
Total:	75.56	\$6,800.40

Discussion of permitted and prohibited curbside items took place.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION

E.L.M. clarified to the Board that the recycling tonnage numbers in the chart below include corrugated cardboard.

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Monthly Tonnage Reporting: Recycling

Date	Weight (tons)	Cost
7/3/20	4.22	\$545.16
7/10/20	5.14	\$662.92
7/17/20	4.96	\$637.88
7/24/20	5.49	\$707.72
7/31/20	4.89	\$630.92
8/7/20	4.9	\$612.50
8/14/20	4.97	\$621.25
Total:	24.7	\$3,184.60

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

The discontinuance of separate curbside collection of corrugated cardboard after the first collection day and the indication that it is being disposed with other recycling was discussed at great length by the Board and J. Ziolkowski. The Town has a potential savings of \$20,000 if cardboard can be separated out cleanly. Currently, residents are supposed to bundle corrugated cardboard. Residents mix in other paper and cardboard types which contaminate the load. E.L.M. feels that it is unrealistic to expect residents to master perfect cardboard sorting and packing unilaterally and offered what he felt were more efficient solutions that would put the sorting more into the hands of professional services.

The Board discussed continuing curbside pickup vs. residents bringing cardboard to the Brush Dump, or a combination of both. It was suggested first residents could place curbside properly, and if not bundled correctly for E.L.M. to not pick up and leave a notice. The resident would then have the option to bring the cardboard to the Brush Dump on Saturdays or bundle correctly for the next week curbside pickup. E.L.M. said if residents bundle the corrugated cardboard correctly, his service is willing to be lenient on the size, i.e. he could accept a 4x4 bundle.

E.L.M. offered another solution that does not rely on residents being solely responsible for bundling corrugated cardboard. E.L.M. mentioned that, for example, people might not understand pizza boxes are contaminated, and paper dumpsters are almost always contaminated because of dirty boxes or boxes that are not corrugated cardboard being disposed. E.L.M. offered to sort at the Brush Dump instead. This plan would require the Town to have one dumpster for residents to dump all cardboard, possibly contaminated, outside of the Brush Dump, then E.L.M. would extract the clean and proper corrugated cardboard into a locked dumpster and dispose the remaining unsellable paper products with regular pick up. This would require that the Town have a special locked dumpster for E.L.M. to use, and a general dumpster accessible to the public.

E.L.M. and M. Lane feel that bailing cardboard is even more profitable and can double or triple the tonnage for the volume. Additionally, the town could purchase a compactor for the dumpster, or portable compacting dumpsters are an option. The Chair prefers to phase in changes to educate and gradually acclimate the public and reminded the Board that the ordinance cannot change until March 2021. However, the Town could offer the Brush Dump cardboard drop off Saturdays on a voluntary basis to get residents used to the idea.

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E.L.M. has been utilizing single stream residential mix (inclusive of multiple types of cardboard/paper) for curbside pickup sometimes. E.L.M. can pull out the corrugated cardboard. E.L.M. mentioned also splitting out the collection days into one day for Municipal Solid Waste and the other Recycling.

L. Gargiulo felt the best solution is to require residents bring the cardboard to the Brush Dump Saturdays. A downside of this approach is that some residents might be unhappy about losing curbside cardboard service. The Board discussed the matter of what to do during the four months of winter when the Brush Dump is closed. The Board discussed winter having reduced hours instead of being closed entirely, which would require a Saturday attendant.

The Town could also engage G. Mello to pick up clean corrugated cardboard. G. Mello pays the Town a small fee for the cardboard, depending on the market. Cardboard needs to be clean and dry to have value. E.L.M. is pricing out a dumpster from J.R.M. E.L.M. thinks about six tons would come out of the recycling and offset cost. The Town Administrator was asked to contact Town Counsel for opinion relating to change of contract terms.

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE – REVISIONS

A full review of the 2012 ordinance is needed. Changes have to go to a vote and would not be implemented until March 2021, if approved.

E.L.M. feels that eliminating curbside corrugated cardboard pickup is best, but at a minimum it needs to be broken down and bundled properly. The Chair suggested starting with a request to residents to bring in the cardboard voluntarily. Mandated change cannot happen until the Solid Waste Ordinance is amended. In the meantime, the Solid Waste Ordinance needs to be marked up to 2020 standards. A goal for the next meeting is to have Counsel input.

SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE – APPENDIX (FEES)

Solid Waste Ordinance Amendments to include the appendix of fees will require public hearing and notice. The fees for tires, mattresses and box springs were mentioned as examples.

INFORMATION AND OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS

The Board decided to send out a message to bundle cardboard in accordance with the Solid Waste Ordinance with a picture of a correctly bundled load. The Board decided to print a future informational flyer in color and mail it with the tax bill.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

MOTION: L. GARGIULO

SECOND: M. LANE

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

WORK SESSION

**August 24, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.
TOWN HALL**

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