

Mr. Jewett stated there was no liability and only hourly fees would be due to Otter Creek Engineering for that part of the bid process. He stated bids are valid for 90 days. Motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Gilbert to put the project out to bid and to authorize the signing of a contract with Otter Creek Engineering for the bid process phase. Motion passed on a roll call with a count of 217 votes with Mr. Strom-Olsen voting against the motion.

B. Town of Castleton – Proposal of Withdrawal

Mr. O’Gorman stated Castleton manager was on vacation for two weeks. This topic will be on the 4/24/17 town select board agenda. Mr. O’Gorman and Mr. Gilbert will be at the town meeting. Mr. O’Gorman discussed what the state would require town to do if it left RCSWD. The town would need to do a SWIP plan. There would need to be a town wide vote. Mr. Morgan asked what the district loses if town of Castleton or other towns leave. Mr. O’Gorman stated Castleton pays about \$17,000 annually for tipping surcharges. If the town joined SWAC the cost to town would be about \$20,000 as SWAC charges per capita. Mr. Gilbert stated the numbers do not support the town leaving the district. Mr. O’Gorman discussed the state’s requirement for either a permanent HHW depot or five HHW collections annually. Mr. Barrows asked if there is any legislative movement to end SWAC. Mr. O’Gorman stated no although in the past there had been discussion about consolidating the number of solid waste districts.

C. SWAC Fees – Review

Pages 25- 43 in packet is information on SWAC HHW rural collections done by RCSWD. Page 25 shows revenue and fees. Mr. O’Gorman stated fluorescent bulb laws have affected this since we cannot charge for them but National Electrical Manufacturers reimburse the district for covered bulbs we collect. The district receives an annual state grant for pesticides of \$9,000. Mr. Baird asked if there is an effort to recruit SWAC towns and present the benefits of district membership. Mr. Strom-Olsen asked when the fees we charge to SWAC were last raised. Mr. O’Gorman stated a long time ago. Discussion followed about district’s collection activities for non-district towns.

Discussion followed about how tipping surcharges affect residents of district versus non-district town and how it affects the costs to commercial haulers.

Mr. Gilbert wants a recommended fee schedule for SWAC runs and is concerned that SWAC is not currently being charged set-up fees. Mr. O’Gorman stated Clean Harbors charges a \$3,500 set-up fee. Mr. Gilbert stated he would like to see SWAC collections charged a set-up fee as well as an increased mileage rate. The district does not have a contract with SWAC for collections. Motion by Mr. Jozwiak with second by Mr. Wetmore to have Executive Committee meet with Mr. O’Gorman to determine a new fee schedule for SWAC HHW collections. Motion passed unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Hearing on Revocation of hauler permit for East Coast Rubbish

Mr. O’Gorman stated the RCSWD ordinance requires haulers to be paid through September surcharges as of December 31 or the hauler license will not be renewed. The compliance investigator has audited East Coast and sent a letter explaining district surcharge policy since East Coast has not paid through September surcharges. Mr. O’Gorman met with Mr. Foster of East Coast. Mr. O’Gorman told him he would ask board about a payment plan. Mr. McGuigan stated a payment plan had been approved in a prior instance of hauler delinquency with a much larger balance. Mr. Gilbert read the ordinance. Mr. O’Gorman stated the district’s license revocation does not affect the State’s hauler license. A payment of \$500.00 was received on 4/3/17 leaving a balance of \$6,100 for surcharges through January 2017. Motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Jozwiak for payment of \$4,500 from East Coast in order to renew hauler license. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Policy of Services for towns that withdraw from the District

Issue was addressed in earlier discussions.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No need for executive session

8. ADJOURN

At 8:28 P.M. motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Morgan to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting is May 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Segale