

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 2023

Members Present:

Hatch, Rapp, Leighton

Others Present:

Carolyn Yoder, Recycling group

David Jolly, Maine All Care

Business:

Meeting commenced @ 7:00 PM.

Carolyn was inquiring about the MSW tonnage total the town has sent to PERC in the past year. Hatch provided that information to her. From 1/10/22 thru 12/31/22 the town sent 515 tons of MSW to PERC. Carolyn reported on her recent visit to Chickadee Compost in Surry. She presented three options offered by CC for compost collection, an individual option, a public-school option, and a single location in town, all with different pricing. See attached.

David and Sally worked on the draft wording for the November referendum. David will come in next Tuesday to discuss the proposed health care program that the town is being asked to support.

Received a bill from RJD appraisal for the field verification of last year's building permits in the amount of \$6,550. Year to date the RJD total is currently \$7,205 compared to last year's total of \$5,625. RJD's pricing increased from last year, field time now costs \$655 /day/person.

Reviewed and finalized the Snow Removal Agreement along with the Invitation to Bid. We will run the RFP for two weeks in the Ellsworth, Bucksport, and Castine newspapers. Bid will be opened and publicly read on Thursday July 13th, and reviewed by the board at the July 18th regular meeting.

Reviewed and approved Warrant #12 in the amount of \$84,401.85.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

1. Have Chickadee Compost set up a food waste collection point in Penobscot like the one at the Blue Hill Coop. People sign up for \$15 to get a 4-gallon covered bucket, they then pay \$15 a month for as long as they use the service. They bring the full bucket of waste to the shed and pick up a clean one. The Recycling Group recommends this. Sending waste to make compost has less of a carbon footprint because there is less distance to haul and reduces the cost to send MSW to landfill.
2. Chickadee Compost (CC) will pick up food waste from the Penobscot Community School at no cost. CC is already doing this for Brooksville, Blue Hill Consolidated School, Surry, and Ellsworth. The Recycling Group recommends looking into this option for the reasons given above. We could talk to other towns and PCS staff to learn more.
3. CC would pick up food scraps from a Town location for \$75 a trip. This would be weekly in the winter, and twice a week from June through September. They would provide 8 x 48-gallon totes, and pick them up each trip for a total of approximately 1600 lbs. This calculates to \$93 per ton including trucking IF all the totes are full. The recycling group does not recommend this at this time because we would have to pay about \$5,175 per year, and we have no idea how much waste we could collect.