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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2017 - 7:45 PM CANOE BROOK SENIOR CENTER NOT APPROVED

Present: M. Barbour, R. Lasky, M. Ricozzi, J. Rollo and Solid Waste Supervisor D. McGowan

Absent: Chairman Muniz and A. St Thomas

Present: First Selectman, Town of Branford, J. Cosgrove, Joseph Perugini, P.E., Project Manager, Weston & Sampson, and Justin Paradis, Construction Manager, Solar City

Commissioner M. Ricozzi called the meeting of the Solid Waste Management Commission to order at 7:55 p.m. M. Barbour made a motion to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the SWMC held January 11, 2017. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ecology Park Solar Array Project – Commissioner Ricozzi noted the solar energy program/concept was explored at the initial stages of the Landfill Closure project. Joseph Perugini introduced himself as the Engineer with Weston and Sampson. He explained that he was looking to address comments and/or outstanding issues made by the Commission on the project. Mr. Perugini introduced Justin Paradis, Construction Manager of Solar City. One concern discussed was creating a barrier along the drive to address the drop-off, for standard 38 foot width fire trucks, should the fire equipment be required, at any time, on site. Block fitting and guide rail was discussed as opposed to a solid wall due to ground shifting concerns. Additional comments received and discussed included the original 2012 RFP that did not include as large a piece of “useable” land at the proposed/future park being taken up for a solar energy project and thus losing residential use of park space. J. Perugini supplied the technical background to explain the design of the project, and therefore its space requirements, as well as the issue of appropriate fencing for screening/privacy or protection purposes. Solar City representatives expressed concerns about minimizing disturbance to the “cap,” whereas the Solid Waste Management Commission was expressing concerns about obscuring the view available to the public, as was initially foundational to the concept of the park. First Selectman Cosgrove spoke briefly to reinforce the idea that the integrity of the project, as its name “Ecology Park” denotes, would be maintained, and even be reflected with the placement of the solar panels, and although their presence would have some impact on the views from the top of the area, might ultimately be viewed as an integral component of the park’s original conception. J. Perugini stated in respect to another concern cited, that the temporary fencing, at 6 feet high, was still in place but will eventually be replaced with a permanent chain-link, PVC coated fence. M. Ricozzi asked who ultimately is considered the owner of the panels/units and in turn who would be responsible for the removal of such should that become necessary. The First Selectman stated that there will be a “power of purchase” in place for 20 years, but the Town of Branford would not become owners of the equipment, nor responsible for its removal.

Review and Recommendation of Vendors -

- **Bulky Waste Management Contract** - Supervisor McGowan passed out the bulky waste bid results sheet to the Solid Waste Management Commissioners and his recommendation. J. Rollo made a motion to accept Supervisor McGowan’s recommendation, and therefore make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to recommend awarding the “Management of Bulky Waste” contract to Cherry Hill Construction, Inc., of North Branford, CT, in accordance with their bid of January 27th, 2017, with the option for 2 additional one year extensions. R. Lasky seconded. Supervisor McGowan stated that Cherry Hill Construction, Inc.’s permit for the facility has a tentative status with D.E.E.P., but he does not expect an issue with the vendor’s re-issuance of its permit. The motion carried unanimously.
- **Thimble Island Refuse and Recyclable Collection Contract** - Supervisor McGowan again handed out his recommendation for this contract to the commissioners, and noted his recommendation was not the vendor currently holding the contract, however he noted, this contractor does currently do contracted work for the Town of Branford. M. Ricozzi asked Supervisor McGowan if he might get a few more references on the recommended bidder, i.e., Coastal Tide Marine Services of Branford, CT. J. Rollo made a motion to table the item until the next Solid Waste Management Commission meeting, scheduled for March 8, 2017. M. Barbour

seconded. The motion carried unanimously. M. Ricozzi requested the secretary be certain this item be reflected in the next month's meeting agenda.

FY 2017/2018 Budget – Supervisor McGowan stated the proposed budget he supplied the commissioners was “unchanged” from the earlier version he previously distributed, except for a \$1,000 addition in the line item “*Other Supplies*.” The commission reviewed the proposed budget. M. Ricozzi asked where \$1,000 might be subtracted to balance back to the budget Supervisor McGowan proposed earlier. Supervisor McGowan proposed reducing the line item for *Material Handling* by \$1000. J. Rollo made a motion to approve the budget, at \$2,542,320.00, as proposed. R. Lasky seconded. The motion carried unanimously. The commission then reviewed the revenue portion of the budget. M. Barbour made a motion to approve the revenue portion of the 2017/18 budget for an estimate of \$231,500. R. Lasky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

- M. Barbour made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen extending the contract, for year number five, for Curbside Collection of Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling to Hometown Waste for \$685,000 per year. R. Lasky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Rollo made a motion to make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen to extend the contract, for year number five, for Recycling of Commingled Containers to Winter Bros. Transfer Stations of CT, LLC at a revenue of \$20.00/ ton. M. Barbour seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- R. Lasky made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen, extending the contract, for Hauling of Bottles and Cans, for year number two, to Cherry Hill Construction, Inc at a cost of \$170.00/haul. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Rollo made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen, extending the contract, for year number five, for Recycling of Newspaper, Cardboard, and Office Paper to Murphy Road Recycling, LLC at a revenue based upon market values. M. Barbour seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- R. Lasky made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen, to extend the contract, for year number 5, for Hauling of Newspaper and Cardboard portion of the Hauling of Newspaper, Bottles and Cans, and Cardboard to All American Waste, LLC, at a cost of \$100.00/haul. M. Barbour seconded. The motion carried unanimously.
- M. Barbour made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen, extending the contract, for year number five, for Recycling of Scrap Metal to Rubino Brothers, Inc., at revenue based upon market values. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

M. Ricozzi mentioned to Supervisor McGowan that he clearly make note, on the recommendations, the extension year number.

M. Ricozzi stated the next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2017. R. Lasky made a motion to adjourn. J. Rollo seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie J. Capezzone, Secretary