

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL COMMITTEE

PURPOSE: Analyze the initial, short and long-term economic costs and benefits of various methods of solid waste disposal.

MEMBERSHIP AND TERM: The committee will be composed of nine members. Unless extended the committee shall terminate its activities on June 1, 2010.

TIMELINE: The committee is requested to submit a proposal for funding necessary consultant assistance for inclusion in the 2009 budget proposal and for any essential interim funding needed prior to that date. The committee is requested to provide its final report in time for consideration in the 2010 budget proposal and warrant.

TASKS: The committee is charged with determining the current and projected waste stream for the Town of Henniker.

1. Based upon these projections, the committee will calculate the initial, short-term and long-term costs of initiating and carrying out various solid waste disposal systems. The study shall include: pay as you throw, mandatory recycling, single stream recycling as well as the maintenance of the current program of solid waste disposal. The study shall include a summary of the advantage and disadvantages of each method that is reviewed.
2. The committee will provide estimates of the costs for curbside collection for all systems where this option would be possible.
3. The committee will provide estimates of the costs that may be associated with the use of any or all of the options currently available or planned by the area Cooperative.
4. The cost estimates should include labor, land, equipment, facilities and any or all other reasonable expenses that may be associated with the specific option.
5. The committee shall consider the specific impact of all options upon local business and industry, public and private educational institutions, all types of residences and any and all other categories that may be faced with unique financial impacts. The committee is also asked to consider the impact of proposals upon the elderly, handicapped and those on low and fixed incomes.

FINAL REPORT: The committee will develop and present a formal written report of its findings to the Board of Selectmen. The committee shall not make a recommendation on which process it favors. While individuals are encouraged to make contributions to the public discussion of the various options, the main and most vital function for the committee is to provide the information needed for the community to make appropriate decisions on how to best handle its solid waste disposal.