

10/19/2010 BOS Meeting

Selectman French said that Mr. Kjellman is suggesting combining the Recycling Committee and the Solid Waste Committee. Mr. Kjellman asked that the Board not to shelve this report, but to use it as a basis to move forward and asked them to keep a committee going to keep the issue on the backburner.

Chairman Parker said there has been enough interest and enough expense involved that they have to consider the whole situation. Chairman Parker asked the Town Administrator to take a look at the mission statements of both committees and combine them into one combined mission statement. The Board agreed by consensus. It was determined that the name of the committee would be the Solid Waste Management Committee. **Item 4: Discussion of Solid Waste Disposal Committee**

5/6/2008 BOS Meeting

Tom Watman MOVED that the Henniker Board of Selectmen establish a special committee for the purpose of analyzing 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 advantages 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.

Joe Damour SECONDED the motion.

Mr. Taylor said he likes that they will not be asked to make a recommendation.

Mr. Watman said he believes the study is key for what happens in the future. He said they should try to diffuse emotions and hopefully people won't feel they are being led one way or the other.

Mrs. Morse asked what a detailed contract for town meeting means.

Mr. Flynn said it is assuming professional help. He said it could cost between \$15,000 to \$50,000.

Mrs. Morse said the dates seem reasonable.

Mr. Watman said he hopes the new committee can scrape up seed money for assistance. He said they won't need a consultant until town meeting.

Mrs. Kjellman suggested looking into state agencies and environmental groups for free assistance. She said asking the town to pay \$20,000 for a consultant may not go over well.

Mr. Watman said he would like to see a consultant trying to find facts rather than somebody trying to push an approach.

Mr. Damour said this group will need to gather data about Henniker, and state agencies would say what happens in other places.

Mr. Parker said the committee would find out what kind of consultant would be needed.

Mr. Watman said if the proposal is good, people will choose to do it or say bring it back another time.

Mrs. Kjellman said she knows what is coming down the pike from the state.

The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Joe Damour MOVED to name it the Solid Waste Disposal Committee. Cheryl Morse SECONDED the motion. It was APPROVED unanimously.

Mr. Watman said they should advertise widely because the committee should be formed by the second meeting in June.

Mr. Kjellman said there should be a representative from the Recycling Committee because they should work together.

Mr. Watman said he is not sure they should select individuals before they know who is interested.

Mr. Parker said they have four applications already.

Mrs. Morse said the chair of the Recycling Committee has volunteered.

Mr. Watman said he would like to see a committee that isn't stacked. He said he is hoping to find a balanced committee people will see as providing fair information.

Mrs. Morse said she only suggested the chair because she has a lot of information and resources.