Town of Woodstock Joint Select Board Meeting Tuesday, September 22, 2015

Woodstock Select Board: Jim Fadden Jr., Joel Bourassa, Gil Rand Lincoln Select Board: Jayne Ludwig, Patricia McTeague, OJ Robinson

Staff: Judy Welch, Butch Burbank, Bill Willey, Doug Moorhead Public: Paul Beaudin, Rex Caulder, Bill Conn, Roger Harrington

Jim called the meeting to order at 6pm.

Discussion was held concerning the Waste Management Agreement for the Solid Waste Facility.

Butch explained that he wasn't clear on what roles the Towns had concerning the storage containers at the Solid Waste Facility so he went in search of a signed agreement with Waste Management. He was unable to locate a current signed agreement in either of the town's records, but noted that there were minutes from 2011 in both towns that reflected an agreement being signed, and informed the Board that Waste Management was also unable to produce a signed copy. Butch pointed out that the last signed agreement expired in 2013. Waste Management believes we have a contract through 2018 but they are unable to produce a signed copy.

Butch clarified that he asked for this joint meeting because he wasn't sure which direction the Boards wanted to go and needed some direction. Butch also pointed out that although everything is operating well, we have a good working relationship with Waste Management, and we are satisfied with their level of service this might be an opportunity to revisit the market and gather other quotes from surrounding companies or renegotiate the proposed agreement.

Butch expressed his concerns with operating without a signed agreement and explained that he and Bill Willey are trying to tighten up some of the inadequacy of how the Solid Waste Facility is being used.

Bill Conn pointed out minutes from Woodstock's August 9, 2011 and Lincoln's August 22, 2011 Select Board's Meeting that reflects an agreement being approved and signed.

The Board reviewed the proposed agreement prepared by Waste Management and 2011 Select Board Minutes from both towns.

Both Boards are in agreement that the towns should act upon the spirit of what was agreed upon in 2011 and act in good faith.

Joel questioned what we had to compare the agreement to and questioned whether Lincoln had researched invoices to see if they reflected a 3% annual increase and that we were being charged the correct tonnage rates.

Jim pointed out the current contract does not include verbiage pertaining to the storage of containers.

Butch stated that Jim Conn was able to produce an unsigned copy of the original agreement and he would compare them to make sure they are identical. Before Butch requests Waste Management to produce a fresh copy, with the date projected, he will have his staff research the invoices to make sure they reflect the agreed tonnage rates and the 3% annual increase. Butch will also request that an addendum pertaining to the storage containers be added so that it can be signed in 2015.

Joel motioned that the joint town boards approve and act in good faith with the intent of Woodstock's August 9, 2011 and Lincoln's August 22, 2011 minutes and add any addendums that both joint town boards agree to. OJ seconded the motion and the vote was affirmative with no opposition.

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