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Memorandum

To: Select Board

CC: David Moore; Town Administrator
Dawna Duhamel; Finance Administrator
Nate Mears; Director of Public Works Department

From: Curbside Collection Advisory Committee

Date: August 18, 2020

At our August 18, 2020 meeting the Curbside Collection Advisory Committee entered into non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A3, II(d). In that non-public session we reviewed an analysis of the proposals received under the RFP. Following this review and subsequent discussion the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Select Board proceed to openly negotiate and secure municipal waste management services with Casella. Through careful analysis of proposals it was determined that Casella's fully automated, six year agreement is the very most economical and progressive option.

In keeping with the spirit set forth at the 2019 Town Meeting Stratham will advance to a fully automated curbside service, but do so without the \$365,000 upfront expenditure. This agreement will bind Casella to the ownership and management of carts. This facet of the program is an improvement over previous interactions prior to the RFP process, which would require significant additional expense and administration of the Town if the Town owned and managed the carts. The six year agreement coincides with the remaining disposal contract that the Town has with the Lamprey Regional Cooperative ending in 2026. The proposal also includes the ability for residents with existing compatible carts to use them, instead of receiving newer carts. The use of covered carts will go a long way to reduce litter waste as a result of uncovered recycling containers, which is very much in keeping with the survey completed this summer.

The CCAC recommends that the Select Board further negotiate with Casella regarding cart sizing and define the process of size swap outs that would be made available to the public. Additionally, we recommend the Town move forward with a variety of other waste management strategies in combination with this agreement.

- Reduction in recycling contamination
- Waste diversion
- Expanded hours of operation at the Town's Transfer Station

We hope this recommendation is helpful to the Select Board and administration in moving forward with the competitive procurement process.

Respectfully,

Sophie Saltonstall
June Sawyer
Tim Copeland

Rachel Jefferson
Karen Fuller