

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS APPROVED 7/13/09
COUNTY OF NEWPORT

The Town Council of the Town of Tiverton, County and State aforesaid held a Special Town Council Meeting/Workshop at the Tiverton Town Hall, 343 Highland Road on Monday, the 29th day of June 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President Bollin, Councilor Arruda, Councilor Costa, Councilor Durfee, Councilor Lambert, Councilor Leonard and Councilor Roderick
Town Administrator Goncalo, Town Clerk Nancy L. Mello were also present.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:

Recreation Commission – Discussion of Plan and Fund Raising Ideas for Bulgarmarsh Field

Recreation Commission Chairman Gary Rose and Maintenance Foreman Bob Martin briefed the Council on the progress of Bulgarmarsh Park. Chris Spencer and the Library Trustees to meet with Bill Smith and Sandywoods Farm regarding amending the plan for parking. Recreation would like to see the entrances and exits intact, suggest moving the islands.

Rose informed, the Skateboard Park Committee will be separate from Bulgarmarsh Park Committee, handling their own fundraising, with land in park set aside, then donated back to Town. By doing this will free up Recreation to concentrate on refurbishing the park. Plan to move the Skate Park to the lower right corner, then the 2 Basketball Courts can be placed side by side, the kids playground would move into the area where the 2nd ball court was located. The gazebo will then be in a grassy area. Should reduce costs considerably, and allow project to move quicker. The kids play area will have a 4ft chain link fence.

Discussion of State Grant for basketball courts. Rose has been unable to contact Joe Dias from DEM. Councilor Durfee volunteered to help set up a meeting with Joe Dias.

Councilor Costa suggested reducing the price of the “Bricks” from \$150. Gary Rose was also looking on setting up a Facebook page to collect funds on the Internet. Councilor Durfee mentioned the success of Renee Brown for the Lacrosse Team by mailings to Town residents suggesting ways Recreation could raise funds.

Tiverton Recycling/Landfill Committee

a. Recommendations for “No Bin No Barrel Policy”

b. Recommendations for a “Pay As You Throw” Trash Program

DPW Director Steve Berlucchi and Steve Rys, Recycling Committee, appeared before the Council to further discuss the Committee recommendations. Michelle Maha, RI Resource Recovery (RIRRC) spoke to the Council at the request of DPW Director. Ms. Maha reviewed the Proposals, collection right now because the Town has it’s own landfill. Legislation pending to keep the recycle rate at 33%, State landfill operating at a loss. Recycling is down, so the resale rate is now at \$0/ton. Also looking at Share Programs with other communities. Trying to get commercial recycling. RIRRC was mandated to study the feasibility of two options, single stream or bottle bill. Cost was astronomical. Questioned about when the State will increase what you can recycle. RI by 2012 has to increase the rate to 35%, perfect time to go to single stream. There is also a market for rigid plastics. Some communities have a dumpster, could put one at the landfill, and then sell the plastics to a recycler. Some communities also have a shrink wrap program for boaters so that material doesn’t end up at the landfill. Smithfield has a

Pay As You Throw (PAYT) for yard waste and a No Bin No Barrel Policy (NBNB). Almost every community has some aspect of PAYT.

a. Recommendations for “No Bin No Barrel Policy”

Recycling/Landfill Committee recommends the Town adopt a “No Bin No Barrel Policy” (NBNB) which would require each residence to put out both a green and blue recycling bin or not get their rubbish picked up. Councilor Costa suggested a combination of policies, not against NBNB. Councilor Bollin wanted to see the NBNB Policy be adopted, good first step, being done throughout the State, needs to be implemented as quickly as possible. Councilor Lambert objected if this was being treated as a stand-alone policy. Councilor Durfee agreed, residents need to be educated about the Sticker Program. One resident had concerns with the 32-gallon rubbish container, would be difficult for a disabled or handicap person to haul to curbside. Steve Rys, Recycling Committee anticipated using wheeled barrels. Councilor Durfee believes this issue can be resolved, suggested considering September 1st for NBNB, to see if we need a policy, perhaps November 1st for PAYT. Councilor Bollin noted the need for more discussion, need to give residents a break, realize the need for sticker, need some sort of trade off so people are not getting taxed for the landfill closure and paying for trash pick up to be used for the closure.

Councilor Bollin noted the concept of the program is to create less trash. The projected net yearly revenue of \$662,480 seemed somewhat high. The Committee’s numbers need to be corrected, will diminish as the program takes hold. Councilor Durfee asked what the Council could do right now to help the Recycling Committee, do we need an Ordinance or a Policy that requires a bag and a bin. Councilor Lambert was looking for the Council to accept the concept and then the Recycling Committee can come forth with the proposals. Councilor Arruda noted four/five years ago when this was first proposed there were numbers projected. DPW Director Berlucchi noted the 9% increase in trash while all other communities had decreases. Councilor Durfee wanted more backup with figures, the concept vote on PAYT depends on where the money goes. Councilor Roderick noted taxpayers perceive the added cost as an added tax. Councilor Bollin asked the Recycling Committee to prepare the numbers as well as showing the differences. Director Berlucchi noted since South Kingstown instituted a similar program their recycling has seen a 41% and a 50% decrease in rubbish.

Consensus of Councilors is to carry forward to July 13th Council agenda and Clerk will Inform Town Solicitor to prepare draft ordinance on “no bin/no barrel” program. Council will also consider concept vote for PAYT. Will need ordinance amendments and public hearings. Richard Hart also raised the issue of the need for a transfer station once landfill is closed and possibility of setting some money from PAYT toward this project.

Workshop ended at approximately 9:00p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Durfee made a motion, seconded by Councilor Roderick to adjourn the Special Meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

Nancy L. Mello, Town Clerk

