

Mayor Vincent Festa called the **Public Hearing On Public Works Commission, Local Vendor Preference and Curb Side Pick Up** to order at **6:06 p.m. in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall on Tuesday, June 17, 2008.**

Members in attendance: Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, Councilwoman Jacqui Denski, Councilman Peter Giancesini, Mayor Vin Festa, Robin Gudeczauskas, Recording Secretary. Councilwoman Jeannine Jandreau and Councilman Dave Sekorski were excused.

Mayor Festa stated a Public Hearing can be held without a quorum but it is not an official meeting of the Council.

Fire Exits were noted

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Festa stated the purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear public comments on the following items:

- 1. Public Works Commission** – Mayor Festa asked Council members for any comments, concerns or questions. Councilman Giancesini suggested to defer to let audience speak so they do not feel Council has any preconceived notions. (a) Jim Murdock, 44 Minor Road, [1] what would be charge of the commission? Mayor Festa read into record “Sec. 2-116 Duties” of Article VII Public Works Commission and Sec. 2-117 Appropriations. [2] There is not a great authority but to assist, give direction and help. Mayor Festa stated that was correct. (b) Bill Wood, 18 Church Street, Terryville [1] what is hold up on opening up Canal Street Bridge. Mayor Festa stated it will officially be open this Friday and dedication ceremony rededicating in Ted Knight’s honor, the State has completed work and turned it over to the town. Mr. Wood stated the road has been closed long enough. Mayor Festa stated they just received clearance from the State on that. Tony Lorenzetti, Public Works Director, stated the Town had hoped to open the road 3 weeks ago but waiting for utilities to be put on right locations on poles and have been told it will be done Thursday morning. (c) Councilwoman Schenkel asked how would a Public Works Commission help or hinder in his (Mr. Lorenzetti’s) execution of duties. Mr. Lorenzetti stated he does not have much of an opinion but there has been turnover in the department and administration and in terms of policy setting it will be a very good thing to have for future turnovers and will have the ability to have organization to carry through policies and procedures. Have not had much thought on how it will affect but in the best interest of the department and it will have continuity. No further public comments. Council comments: (a) Councilman Giancesini – will have duplication in his opinion from Facilities Committee and when he was on BOF they always felt it was very difficult for Public Works Department when something would go wrong in a building, and money not budgeted, for them to come along and pick up a hot potato. Tony is a professional engineer with a lot of things to do that not only involve new construction but compliance with federal regulations and environmental compliance and maybe something like the Facilities Committee would do better in reviewing buildings, make recommendations to the Mayor, Council and BOF for money required to do things. Concerns on detail as written where it bans a lot of people who have construction industry background and basically other than having a very minor impact, the

average person does not know what a crown of road is, bridge construction requirements and a lot to be done; we will be paying a secretary to do minutes and at present time have plenty of commissions that do very valuable work and need more thought before forming another commission. People with problems will come to this group and now can go to Council person or file request through town website or can call Tony direct. We have skilled Public Works Director and skilled Highway Superintendent and an engineer under Tony. At present time do not believe the town is at a point with Facilities Commission, who should be responsible for looking at buildings. (b) Councilwoman Schenkel stated Mr. Lorenzetti makes a good point that we need policy and procedure in some kind of rational book and in event of changeover you have the next generation come in and operate business as usual but not necessarily convinced that making government bigger is what we need and consider ad hoc committee to focus on policies and procedures. If we have a commission expecting volunteers to take another night out of their life and do not want catch all for complaints. Lean toward focus group to work with Tony and his group for policies and procedures to be put in place. (d) Councilwoman Denski stated she would like Tony to speak. Tony Lorenzetti stated it is not policies and procedure needed but more of a vision on what people of town would like to see and what public works should do. Feels more of a vision and there are policies in place from before when he was here and can have policies but if no commitment from group to support, it will go nowhere. Policies and procedures and flow through with commitment to program and buildings are a big part of it. Anything his department is to take over or build he needs the ability to maintain. There are good people in his department but also need to know what people want to be committed to, i.e. sidewalks, public facilities, need to follow program; year after year need money to pay for projects and programs. There is important part this board or commission could have in deciding on how the public works department will focus efforts. (e) Mayor Festa stated concern on infrastructure of the community, facilities component and noted trouble with library building, most recently roof and project in making for 8-10 years, heating there and plumbing problems; town hall code violations; health department code violations; road repair, with grounds such as Veterans Park, Lake Winfield. How do you see this commission wrapping around component of facilities and how better can we address those issues so that we are not starving inevitable and it will cost more in long run. Tony stated with facilities have to do custodial type things, maintenance related duties which do not always get addressed and can see having group of people skilled to work on buildings, repairs & maintenance type work. Maybe yearly program of working on roof and beyond that there are larger code related issues such as facilities upgrade. Two part, looking at improvement plan to take care of facilities and roads as well as maintenance and repair; this board would guide direction of where that is going and get public support. There are two components, maintenance and staff available; and capital projects to look at long term facilities projects. Mayor Festa noted for clarification, at the library when the furnace was in dire need of repair/replacement and no money in budget because library developed budget for library and went unnoticed as librarian thought public works would take care of that. Health department and plumbing issues, budget process is plan to provide healthcare service and not maintenance components. Is this commission going to take care of those components and would they be of greater assistance in helping such as librarian; Tony responded, yes, that the public health building was acquired for hopes of expansion and no money was set aside at time of

acquisition, very minor repairs and maintenance were done without a capital plan and it has been around longer than originally planned when acquired. This is something that needs to be looked at. Councilwoman Schenkel asked for clarification, in Tony's opinion or vision would he see commission more as advisory to his department or oversight commission that they would tell what projects need to be done and they make determination on what should be done. Mr. Lorenzetti stated he would not expect them to say point blank what projects should be done. Councilwoman Schenkel noted the town has a limited budget and have entrusted Tony to manage the Public Works budget and this commission would have a say in that. Tony stated he felt to an extent, example given of roads that need work and whatever the list is, there is not enough money to do those on list and there are some things that need to be talked about. Councilwoman Denki asked [1] if not enough money in budget how would the commission help. Tony felt they would have to make choices and expectations that everything can get done will not happen. [2] Hearing money, not enough staff to do priority thing but does not understand how the commission would work. Tony responded with examples of (a) sidewalks, there is a lot of discussion on the high school and when all said and done, it was let public works do it; matter of programming all things that need to be done and a board or commission would help with what programs need to be done and carry through. Councilman Gianesini noted valid point regarding budget presentation and the Town cannot keep cutting everything out but when police present their budget you have Police Commission and Chief present, and same with Fire Commission, and BOE is there with everyone. He feels Tony understands over the years the BOF would like to have given more and the fact is everything is going up. There is a tremendous need for public works and maybe from planning stage and first budget go around there would be justification and people from his commission to support it. Cannot co-mingle school and public works, and if have outside firm contracted and on a periodic basis inspecting all buildings they could also do schools who will not do that on their own and all this gets put on public works. His feeling is a Facilities Commission whose job was buildings to make sure maintained economically and as well as possible and that might be under Mayor's direction and get recommendation to bond some of these things. Councilwoman Denski asked how that would that help response time to have commission. Tony stated there is no staff to deal with something like that and there have been times he has gone home for plunger. You have different groups and organizations around town with their facilities and with people with knowledge to work at all facilities would make sense, but everyone has their little separate budget and take care of their building but when have problem they call him. Every time they have a project he needs to do a bid document which is time consuming. Commission would meet monthly, have understanding of priorities and understanding that priorities cannot always be changed instantaneously. Mayor Festa asked long range vs. short range, down road and hearing about need for facilities and constant caretaking, do you envision replacing some of your highway crew with individuals other than truck driver license for road work and then someone with road work and also electrical or plumbing; hear talk about sidewalk and/or grounds committee and in school system with own plumbers, electrical, etc. Do not see in our small community but do see someone multi task who can get some things done such as at health department problem with drain that can leave public works to take a look and resolve by opening pipe

and relieving clog. Same with painting when cannot do outside work but can bring them in to do interior work. We can move in direction to enhance what we have on board. Tony Lorenzetti stated that is a good answer and realistically would like another crew on roads and have issue with drainage but way to ultimately go. Mayor Festa stated he is not talking about hiring new but in the replacement process look to multi task individual to help in long run with minor issues that turn into major issues. Keith Golnik, 46 Orchard Street, rather the establish a commission create a superintendent of buildings and look at staff to do repair work and budgeting on town buildings which may be something the town would reap more benefits rather than establishing another commission. Dave Bertnagel reviewed City of Bristol on their Public Works Board who is oversight board for entire public works division and it does work very well. This year established a line item for "other public buildings". Councilman Gianesini asked about sewer commission which is rolled into this. Mr. Bertnagel stated Planning and Zoning falls under this Public Works Commission also. Councilman Gianesini stated the Charter states planning and zoning is autonomy over what is going on. We have 20 public works employees. Public Works Commission is written that the Public Works Director still reports to Mayor which is per Charter. Jim Murdock, Minor Road, after listening to charge and hearing Council, personally this commission will be a paper tiger, somewhat advisory and if no funds or personnel to do anything come up with, what is the point. Public Works is a service type business and when public works performs a service the town budget pays for that service. If money does not come to public works to pay for services it will remain and until such time we are no longer held hostage by the BOE who demands the majority of money collected by taxes it will stay that way ... look at our infrastructure and roads and sad when the BOF says we were fortunate in holding the BOE to 3.5% and then they say we made major cuts on town side and laid off nurse and that does not make sense. If we have qualified building official and qualified public works we can do what we want if we have money to fund; it has to be there to do what needs to be done and without money they tread water. Do not see where this commission will be a great amount of help.

- 2. Local Vendor Preference** – public comment: Jim Murdock, 46 Minor Road, totally against. As a contractor he bid many towns through career as contractor and a few towns refuse to bid in because felt if out of town and bid in that town and someone no more than 5% above they could opt to take that job at that price; cannot see it. Giving preferential treatment might sound good but not fair and will discourage out of towners from bidding in his town. If he is low bidder and something else is no more than 5% and they can take it; why bother. It can cause a lot of problems. Council comments: Councilman Gianesini: thinks it seems like a good thing to do because you are rewarding the local vendors but as Jim said you certainly will drive people off; also depending on scope of project and if you have local people and very qualified and concern if a local firm bids and really does not have track record and prime contractor may then hire subs from out of town that may not be qualified to do work and may defeat purpose of best quality job for the money. If we consider you cannot have a blanket statement and need someone with oversight to say person is capable of fulfilling project. Councilwoman Schenkel, was there an ordinance passed, does not see where this in any way benefits the town. The people who are doing

good work in town do not depend on town contracts for their business and are successful because their reputation and quality of work speaks for themselves. By limiting to local town, people might say we are not for business.

- 3. Curbside Trash Pick Up** – Mayor Festa stated there will first be a presentation on the project/program. Tony Lorenzetti noted currently municipal and residential solid waste through private contractor or brought to transfer station. For curbside it would be contract for curbside. Recyclables would remain the same. Metals would go to the transfer station as well as bulk items, waste oil, tires. The transfer station would be open but with reduced hours. Handout reviewed: vendor is Copes who does work in Watertown, Oakville. Contract is 5 year and automated with two option periods, barrels would be distributed with choice of 96 or 48 gallon and residents have option of additional barrel; after 5 years or option runs out and barrels are owned by the town. This is a weekly collection on same day as current recycle schedule and who is collected reviewed. Facilities: our transfer station is over 30 years old and needs work no matter what we do; compactor is old technology and at some point a change needs to be made and will be a additional cost. Curbside program same as recyclables and will improve that program. Ted Scheidel, proponent of curbside, he, Tony and the Mayor are members of Bristol Resource, founder of that institution, and a 14 member town organization. Curbside recycling gets to where you want to go; this service will increase recycling, new industry trends and one is single stream; fees reviewed noting savings. Current transfer station there is no way to see what is not being recycled and difficult to monitor; there is savings to be made by curbside pickup. Feel Copes is a very well run organization. DEP is also coming up with changes and regulations for the transfer station which is very expensive. Dave Bertnagel reviewed financial side of information distributed which was distributed to Town Council on June 3 rd. This would add .375 mills to the new budget or 1.2 or 1.3% for 08-09 budget to implement this program with cost estimate of \$293,000 -\$351,000; regardless of what happens it depends on route on whether curbside which will be less of upgrade cost to transfer station; transfer station in 5 year plan will cost approximately \$700,000 and in addition need to address additional staffing at transfer station per State regulations. Fiscal years 08-09 and 09-10 have estimated revenue to be cut in half. Public question: If only open 1-1/2 days why additional staff; Dave Bertnagel stated if the town goes to curbside there will be no additional staff but if continue as is we will need to hire. Breakdown per household of cost is \$8.68 per household per month and up to \$9.05 following year. Councilwoman Schenkel noted people with private pick up is up to \$40 per month. It is a savings. Curbside question: are recyclables and curbside together; CWPM will continue to do recyclables and Copes will do solid waste. Eugene Kaczypenski, 6 Maple Street noted curbside has to be done but in Florida they have one container for recyclables and one for trash which is picked up twice a week and once per week recyclables. Currently elderly

person cannot carry this thing out for recyclables and very cumbersome; when they do not pick up on street it is a problem. Tony Lorenzetti stated 6 Maple Street is not an address he heard of recycling not being picked up. This vendor will pick up from any container you put out at the road with the only problem sometimes is if on the last day of the week, but under the ordinance the public is required to recycle and currently at transfer station they do have an area for recycling. Mr. Kaczypenski stated he feels everyone in this community should take care of themselves and should not have added expense to this community. Tony reviewed single stream recycling noting currently basic simplistic program and that would be cost of containers. Mr. Kaczypenski asked [1] once have container, is town paying; Tony noted the containers will be the property of the town and should last about 15 years. [2] If the town were to purchase all containers it would be about \$300K plus capital cost; Dave Bertnagel stated that is built into contract Tony reviewed options in bids which one was automated and one was for person to pick up; since saving money with automated they are rolling the cost of containers into bid. [3] are there any grants to available; Tony stated at this point no and the State is allowing municipalities to share things. Ted Scheidel noted the State gives money and cheaper options at the plant level to keep tipping fee down. The State has requirements for recyclable, has gone up to 30% and wants to go to 50% and whether this type or another, certainly need public education in putting out recyclables and if it takes Tony, Pam, the Mayor and Ted to call, that may need to be done but do have State requirements to meet. Funding or lack of comes attached with follow through. Containers for multi family, 3 family, would receive one for each unit. Tony noted we do not meet minimum requirement for delivery to center in Berlin and we pay anyway so we need to increase recyclables due to minimum of what is to be provided. Jim Murdock, Minor Road, asked [1] about function of transfer station once we have curbside pickup, who will run it and at what cost. Tony Lorenzetti stated everything other than municipal solid waste (garbage) would essentially go there. The town will continue to run the transfer station; couch or refrigerator, waste oil, tires will continue to go on same permit requirement as today. [2] Christmas time and other holidays are a big hassle and what will happen. Tony noted regular solid waste will not go to transfer station and option is to have a second bucket which would be purchased with a small handling charge. Mr. Kaczypenski, 6 Maple Street, we use to have bulk pickup and one or two times a year due to holiday we need to have extra pick up. Tony stated he wished the town could still do bulk pick up. Ted Scheidel, noted service to residents has become very expensive and other towns are also cutting back and the State mandates certain items. If we keep the transfer station compactor open, we will need internal compactors. Town pays separate for recyclables. Barbara McClullen, 5 Club Lane, excellent having curbside pick up however, when have curbside it inspires more people to do recycling and to dump the metals might encourage more revenue...how can you project how much increase taxes if other offsets. Dave Bertnagel stated right now we do not know and costs will be for 08-09 and cost impact and if we see a change in revenue stream, numbers will be changed. Tony stated a new bid is going out for metals and hope to get better prices. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, there would be an additional cost of approximately \$293,000 and next year \$351,216 and the way she is looking at it is the \$293,351 would come from the general fund because we have already voted and next year we would need to make up that \$293,351 because our general fund would have less and the \$351,216 for next fiscal year. If you add it, it is \$600,000 which is about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mill and question it is something that is not

free, people are on fixed incomes, no raises and this is a cost factor. Thinks it should be the will of the people, and have read revenues could go down; when looking at it and in 5 year period and 5 th year looking at \$623,850 and that is ¾ mill and what about employee contracts, costs of other things that keep going up and can we afford it with price of gas, oil and electricity increasing. There are people who cannot afford it. Reason this budget went through is zero increase and with increases each year will we get to be like Thomaston; do you have cost of replenishing the transfer station and something that needs to be looked at also. Once it is fixed and brought over periods of time we are done for 20-30 years and would like more information. Dave Bertnagel, reviewed spreadsheet noting \$293,351 is first year cost and once built in budget it will be up .375; after that cost of \$351,000 and once mill rate raised .375 it will not go up; area in pink is cost of Copes contract which is not stand alone....difference between is \$300,000. Costs of keeping the transfer station open reviewed. Salaries and transfer station, with curbside if does not fly, would need evaluation for additional staff for transfer station and that would add \$80,000 cost to transfer station; curbside analysis is based on current known facts and dependent upon implementation of program. Will need to go to referendum for 08-09 budget. Brian Bonds, 23 Fall Mountain Terrace, stated [1] it has been mentioned that transfer station may need scale and is that proposed on budget; Dave Bertnagel stated the transfer station in 5 year plan which is not part of budget, notes \$700,000 for upgrades which would include scale, compactor, infrastructure improvements which would go to referendum process to be bonded and not in this figure. There are environmental impacts to transfer station and we will not know until go in there what requirements will be. [2] reminder there are elderly people who cannot go to transfer station and feels this is the greatest thing going. It will probably cost a few dollars but a lot of people cannot go to transfer station and there is trash on back roads and may stop some blight in town. Great thing for everyone in town and feel taxes may not go up even if we do this. Keith Golnik, if town goes with barrels for curbside and we may need to draft ordinances, cars parked on sidewalks and now have barrels sitting on sidewalk and will they be out there 5 days a week, two days, and what happens in snow as it is hard to get people to remove snow from sidewalk and where will barrels sit. If we went with this proposal we need to have ordinances to make sure buckets are not out for long periods of time. Residents in town with long driveway, some are gravel and will be difficult to push buckets down. Ted Scheidel stated the speakers have brought up good questions as far as procedures but knowing 14 towns in this and 11 have curbside and it works. It can work in Terryville. We need to increase recycling. Melanie Church, 328 Main Street, stated Southington use to have rubbish pickup and it got too expensive, had it contracted out and now people had to individually comply without choice and paying \$20-\$25 per month and cost did not go down, it went up and a gamble we take. We are one of the highest towns in taxes and need to figure that in. Peoples pays aren't going up but going down and then to lock in and it gets too expensive, budget gets voted down and Council decides to cancel rubbish pick up and then our taxes go up and you are paying individually. Southington has one advantage to bring anything to the transfer station and do not pay. Bristol is doing it in house and do not have outside contractor. Should we get our own truck and have our own people do it. Afraid to contract as every year the contract gets higher and higher.

Bill Dunbar, Jr., General Manager, stated Copes has been in business since 1930, family

owned and operated, he and his brother work with their dad. Half of the business is residential curbside and 20% is construction and demolition hauling and 30% is running the Torrington Transfer Station for CRRA. As it pertains to residential, automated in Watertown around 1984, very clean, they do a number of condo units by hand, and recycling. Benefits of automated is it encourages recycling, standard 96 gallon bucket brought in for average family of 5 and if want recycling with garbage will not fit; do not pick up what is not in bucket. Smaller 65 gallon barrel brought tonight for view and did not have 48 in stock which is what this contract calls for; philosophy is to hire best drivers they can find; most guys have been with them 10 plus year and will hire 2 people for this project with background checks, standard DOT systems in place; oldest trucks on street are less than 10 years old; will follow recycling routes in place; cost of truck is \$200,000 - \$225,000 depending on options; winter and snowstorms are problem in northwest and they work every day and either people do not put trash out in snowstorm and they will come back the next day to get it if called; and people put it out and as soon as emptied bring in. The start of their day is 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. If there are missed pickups, per contract have fully staffed office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and if called by 2 p.m. they will get it the same day and after 2 will get it the following day; Copes will handle all customer service issues. Barbara McClellan are barrels prestamped and a lot of residents at Fall Mountain have barrels already because they pay for trash pickup and maybe the town would not need as many barrels. Melanie Church stated Route 6 and sections without sidewalks, heavily traveled, and what is plan to pick up with heavy traffic; Bill Dunbar stated Rt. 6 is through Watertown and do main roads first thing in the morning and not an inconvenience as whoever is first puts garbage out night before unless up early. Councilwoman Schenkel [1] stated she lives in a wooded area and is there any way to secure lid, without preventing gentlemen from emptying, due to raccoons, coyote, dogs, etc and also have bear and hate to have it torn apart in a.m. Mr. Dunbar stated it does happen and some people bungee cord and they prefer guys do not have to get out of truck. [2] Do to unusual circumstances people do not get trash out in time and make phone call; Mr. Dunbar stated they would get closest driver via radio. Melanie Church stated barrels out on Rt. 6, they pick up and windy day it goes into road and gets damaged, who is responsible for cost. Bill Dunbar stated he is responsible and will replace it. Tony Lorenzetti noted there are a few occurrences not responsible and town would have ability to administer portion such as putting hot ashes in bucket or start fire in it or drive over with own vehicle. Mr. Kaczypenski, 6 Maple Street, do you separate stuff before dumping; Mr. Dunbar stated they deliver straight to Bristol and do police what goes in barrel and do do spot checks on what is inside barrel. Tony Lorenzetti reviewed Bristol Resource Recovery guidelines and costs associated. Jim Murdock would like a list of recyclables sent out and Tony noted he will have to educate the public on recyclables. Councilwoman Denski asked question on every other week for recycles; Tony Lorenzetti stated it will stay every other week. Ralph Zovich, 4 Knight Lane, [1] what is situation with scrap metal and how handled with Copes; Tony responded that they have metal bid and will have new numbers on revenue and it will continue to be dropped off at transfer station. [2] How are we accountable for environmental issues and costs factored in. Tony Lorenzetti stated not at all and there are future dollars not earmarked. Bill Pirog, Seymour Road, [1] asked to confirm that the condo association will get what they have now; Tony that is way provisions in contract are set up. [2] transfer station will be 2 days but no trash; Tony, correct. [3] Currently people can throw items

other than trash into their containers such as mattress or piece of furniture, how will that affect new pickup and will condo board have to monitor. Bill Dunbar, you cannot put appliances in. Tony Lorenzetti stated they have containers and if not a problem in going to trash to energy plant it will not be a problem but if something not approves, Copes will get fined. Keith Golnik asked [1] what environmental problems at transfer station need to be addressed; Tony Lorenzetti noted history of site, waste brought over years and need study/analysis on site. [2] If we stop handling msw do we remove compactor or let it sit and rust away. Tony Lorenzetti stated if you look at it you can answer, it has holes in it and needs to come down. Mr. Kaczypenski asked what is the town going to do with the new trailer purchased; Tony responded the town may not need it and still getting certain things to transfer station like furniture and not quite sure it can go in the hopper. If we do not need the trailer we will sell off. Still have one trailer in awful shape. Melanie Church, [1] if at the end of 5 years we cannot afford curbside, will permit stay open for rubbish pickup; Tony we were not looking at renewing permit. Permit program reviewed and we have applied for individual permit and they would like us to get involved in general permit program and we would like to keep permit status the way it is. Contract itself, there is 5 year base contract with options for 2 year periods and can get 9 years out of contract. We will need to get to point at transfer station with operation with ability to change; State is pushing for higher recyclables. [2] If rubbish pickup is cut; Tony stated there were provisions in contract to get out of it. Keith Golnik stated [1] the last time curbside was proposed the Albreda company was the lowest bidder and this time did not meet requirements and what types of differences from last time; Tony they did not provide bond requirement with bid. [2] this is about \$8/month/house; Tony \$8.68; Keith noted he spends that in gas driving to the transfer station plus his time. That is way to go, been in town over 60 years and private contractor is way to do it instead of town doing it to buy trucks, pay men, pay overtime, vacation, sick, etc.

Council comments: Councilman Giancesini, did calculation if you drive one mile from house to transfer station every Saturday for one year with pick up truck use 6.4 gallons and cost would be \$32 not including waiting time; other point people would get squeamish with police cars replacement and payment amount of garbage truck plus diesel fuel; importance of recycling and if responsible to put bucket out with appropriate items we may have effect on bottom line of budget. Would like to see recycler either with portable laptop noting name of family who is recycling and build credits for dumping at transfer station and give people incentive to do something they should be doing. Councilwoman Schenkel stated on campaign trail heard over and over that want service people wanted which was trash pickup; budget tight and costs soaring and we can all save money. Need to educate public and time has come for this wonderful plan. Copes has very good reputation and very clean. Fully supportive of it.

Keith Golnik stated last go around opposed of deal and this time supports idea where still able to keep transfer station with limited hours and convenience of garbage pick up.

Councilwoman Denski stated Copes will be hiring two new driers and wonderful if they could be from our town.

Mayor Festa thanked everyone for their participation, a lot of suggestions, ideas, questions and issue of holidays and need for possible extra day, and more importantly another public hearing will be held on this because it is a sensitive issue to the community. After that hearing, if Council votes favorable and then goes through the BOF, it will go to referendum. The decision will be the will of people and through his campaign there was one thing and number one request for curbside pickup. He is in support of this program and will leave it to the people and issue we bring exact facts and information and people need to vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Gudeczauskas, Recording Secretary