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Minutes

February 28, 2012

Call to Order: Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., called the scheduled February 28, 2012, Town of Plymouth Public Hearing Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room, Town Hall.

Roll Call: Present were Town Councilman Remie Ferreira, Sr., Mayor Vincent Festa, Jr., Town Councilman Richard Foote, Town Councilwoman Susan Murawski, Town Councilwoman DiAnna Schenkel, and Town Councilman Tom Zagurski. Also in attendance were David Bertnagel, Director of Finance, Anthony Lorenzetti, Director of Public Works/Town Engineer and Theodore Scheidel, Administrative Assistant.

Fire Exits Notification

Mayor Festa noted the Fire Exits for the record.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Festa led the Plymouth Town Council and the Public Audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentation/Reading of Legal Notice Posted February 15, 2012

Mayor Festa read the Legal Notice into the record, posted on February 15, 2012, for the Town Council and Public Audience, as follows:

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Town of Plymouth and all qualified taxpayers of the Town of Plymouth that the Plymouth Town Council will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, in the Community Room, Plymouth Town Hall, to give citizens an opportunity to hear and or/make oral or written recommendations concerning Curbside Trash Pickup. Vincent Festa, Jr., Mayor, Dated this 15th day of February 2012, Plymouth, CT.

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Mayor Festa stated that he would not limit anyone from speaking this evening at the Public Hearing and requested that everyone be courteous and allow everyone in the Public Audience to speak one time (watching the length of time the first go round) before coming back to speak a second time.

Presentation on Curbside Trash Pickup

Theodore Scheidel, Administrative Assistant, stated that the Town Staff was in attendance this evening to make a presentation for Automated Curbside Municipal Solid Waste Collection. He further stated that the previous Town Council (including some of current Town Council members who had been reelected) had requested Staff to go out to bid so that the real cost of Automated Collection and the impact on the Budget would be known.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the Town had gone out to bid and that the Council would be asked to take the information into consideration and take it to Referendum so that everyone in Town would have a final say on the matter.

Theodore Scheidel stated that they were asking for consideration of the Automated Curbside Municipal Solid Waste Collection for several reasons. He further stated that the Town had secured a very favorable bid for collection from CWPM, who were present this evening and available to answer questions.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the bid price from CWPM was \$347,820.00 held firm for five years and included \$54,000.00 for each of the five years for the purchase of the Automated Bins.

Theodore Scheidel stated that secondly, the Town had seen a very successful recycling initiative by going with the Automated Recycling. He further stated that to date, recycling had increased in the Town by 110 percent and continues to grow monthly as the previous year's figures come in, prior to the start date of September. Theodore Scheidel stated that residential response to Automated Recycling has been great and very helpful to the financial situation because for every ton of collected recyclables the Town saves \$62.50.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the Town was a member of Bristol Resource Recover Facility (BRFOC) and the Tunxis Recycling Operating Committee (TRROC) and that on Friday they would be voting to eliminate all tipping fees, which were \$20.00 per ton and \$64.50 for MSW and that becomes \$62.50 and so the Town was pushing recycling to save \$42.50, however now we are saving \$62.50, which was even better.

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Theodore Scheidel stated that because of the initiatives of the newly formed Blight Committee, Automated Collection was reducing Blight, noting that they go hand-in-hand, especially because of all the multiple dwellings in Plymouth. He further stated that the alternative would be to have dumpsters in front of all the multiple family dwellings.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the Blight Committee had some early success with the Recycling, helping out in itself; with cleaning up some of the properties and that the Town felt that this initiative would help even more.

Theodore Scheidel stated that changes and renovations would have to be made soon to the Transfer Station and that new equipment would have to be purchased to replacing the current aging equipment at an expense to the Town.

Theodore Scheidel stated that BRFOC and TRROC would verify to the Town that the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) was always tweaking their regulations, which also is an expense to the Town down the road. He further stated that the Transfer Station would remain open twice a week for demolition, metal, bulky waste, tires, oil, etc.

Theodore Scheidel stated that he could not, in all fairness, provide an honest answer for the cost of the upkeep and repair at the Transfer Station noting that the Town had seen figures of \$700,000.00 in the original Bond issue, \$70,000.00 if the Town were to replace some of the equipment immediately. He further stated that if it were put over five years it was clear how that would eat into the savings that would be attained. Ted Scheidel further stated that it could be more than that and at some point in time DEEP would force the Town to get higher recyclable collections and that they would put it with grants with hard rules. He further stated that this would probably occur in five to ten years so the Town still had time. Ted Scheidel stated that if this initiative didn't pass, some changes would have to be made and that they could become costly.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the CWPM bid had a five-year base period with alternate periods and that as part of the bid they provided a proposal to provide containers, which would be paid for monthly over a period of five years. He further stated that some of the options that had been included were twice a year bulk and to have an open drop off period at the Transfer Station.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that they had provided a color chart of the possible colors for the bins.

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Anthony Lorenzetti stated that having a program on board, such as this one, that at some point the Town would be able to negotiate a long term disposal agreement for Municipal Solid Waste and that a means of doing collection with our control would be something that would make the Town (in the long run) competitive in terms of being able to market where its waste products go.

Anthony Lorenzetti read a section from the Proposal into the record, noting that the Council had previously received the package/information.

David Bertnagel stated that he estimated the Town would need approximately a \$310,000.00 increase in the Operating Budget of the Solid Waste portion of the Public Works. He further stated that a 4.45 mill rate increase would occur as a result of this program if it were approved for the 2012/2013 Budget.

David Bertnagel stated that under the five-year contract, in 2016/2017, 2017/2018, there would be a \$40,000.00 decrease each year so that in essence, as the containers were paid off there would also be a total decrease in the program itself.

Taking a conservative approach, David Bertnagel stated that people currently traveling to the Transfer Station travel approximately 3.5 miles per week, each way, for a total of seven miles. He further stated that the annual cost of that times 52 weeks per year would be 364 miles per year and using 18 miles per mile/per gallon of gasoline divided by 18 comes to 22.2 of gas that a person would use per year. David Bertnagel stated that multiplying the 22.2 times \$3.25 per gallon for gas (noting that was a lower amount than the actual price of gasoline currently) gives a cost of approximately \$65.00 per year. He further stated that the new average assessments rate was \$140,000.00 for the average house and that would equate to \$63.00 for the average person/average household paying for the program. He further stated that for the most part it looked like a wash. David Bertnagel stated that the average amount for private curbside pickup was \$45.00 to \$65.00 per quarter or \$180.00 to \$260.00 annually.

Public Comment

David Goodwin, 149 Schrock Road, Plymouth, stated that the figure Theodore Scheidel had given out was approximately \$347,000.00 for the year for the next five years, but then David Bertnagel equated that to a .45 mils and that was being said that there would no other increases in the Town Budget going forward and that was a big concern of his.

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David Goodwin stated that going back to the \$347,000.00 per year by five years was roughly \$1.5 million dollars so was the Town saying that with repairing the current Transfer Station (he had heard figures of \$700,000.00 and \$70,000.00) on an annual basis or was that just to get it up and running so that it would run for another five or ten years.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the answer was no, it was not reoccurring.

David Goodwin stated so one shot of \$750,000.00 gets the Town to where it wants to be and that the Town draws figures and he was just trying to pick up what the figures were.

Theodore Scheidel stated that there was a little bit more to the whole thing, but that was true.

David Goodwin stated that he was a little skeptical to the assumptions that if we had Curbside, along side our Curbside Recycling, we would increase recycling and that he would tend to think it was just the opposite and that right now he has two bins he could throw whatever into; less discipline than as opposed to just putting.....

Theodore Scheidel stated that BRFOC and TRROC had the figures for the other towns and that he, himself, was familiar with Burlington, and that it happens exactly the opposite of what David Goodwin was saying.

Theodore Scheidel stated that when the bins were side-by-side, recycling increases for several reasons.

Theodore Scheidel stated that there was a lot of room in the solid waste bin, but only such much room and it forces a person to recycle, but the figures do show in every town that does it, that because of single stream recycling, the garbage goes down and the recycling goes up and it doesn't happen the way David Goodwin thought it would.

David Goodwin stated that at his house, his wife was thrilled that she could put more stuff in the new big blue bucket and it had increased, but because they went from a little tub that they had to stick three or four out to the curb to something that could handle something.

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David Goodwin stated that he was not sold on the Curbside Municipal Waste from several standpoints, but mainly, financially, because after five years that the claim will pay for the buckets and it would go down and the Town would have continual needs for upgrades and there would be new people in Town, so it may decrease, but there would still be a need for buckets.

David Goodwin stated that the fuel was estimated at \$3.25 just for residents and that diesel was currently running for \$4.30 per gallon and that if it were to go to \$5.00 or \$6.00 was there any provisions in the contract for the Contractor to make sure they get fuel surcharges.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that there was no fuel surcharge provision.

Jason Manafort, CWPM Representative, stated that he did not believe there was surcharge table in the bid and that sometimes the contracts do allow for the price to go up and down, but they just assumed it in their fuel price.

David Goodwin question if the fuel prices (God forbid) were to go to \$6.00, \$7.00 or \$8.00 per gallon, would CWPM eat that in this contract.

Jason Manafort stated that CWPM would incur the cost because there were no provisions for change of price for fuel.

Arlene Wood, 16 Oakdale Road, Terryville, stated that years back the Town had a yearly pickup for bulk items, i.e. used furniture, etc. She further stated that it helped to prevent fires and would help with the blight and questioned if it were included in the contract.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the answer was yes, noting that it would be Option 1 with Bulk Waste Collected Curbside, twice per year, with a limit of three items per household, with the disposal fee paid for by the Town. He further stated that the other option was two weeks per year would provide roll-off containers at the Town's Transfer Station for residents to deliver bulky waste materials and that they would haul three containers (as needed) and that the Town would pay only for the disposal fees.

Theodore Scheidel stated that if the Town was to choose the curbside bulky waste, the Town would still accept it at the Transfer Station for the fee that was paid currently, and the Town would have to pay for the hauling.

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Theodore Scheidel stated that the Town liked the curbside, but they know that many people like to go to the Transfer Station, as well.

Gerard Bourbonniere, 16 Fairmont Avenue, Terryville, stated that private curbside trash companies do not normally charge for extra trash left next to the containers and questioned if the Town's Curbside Trash Pickup went through, would CWPM do the same if a resident left extra trash by the receptacle.

Theodore Scheidel stated that it would not be picked up, however if the resident were to put the extra trash on top of the refuse in the container and left the lid up that would be picked up, noting the lid did not need to be closed. He further stated that the reason for this because it was automated.

Theodore Scheidel stated that there would be provisions for getting extra barrels, which would have to be paid for by the resident, but that in most instances residents would find that there was enough room in the container. He further stated that nothing was 100 percent and that there would be times when there was extra that didn't fit in the container.

Gerard Bourbonniere stated that in the City of Bristol, because of the over abundance of trash produced by a family, the cost of an extra bin was approximately \$150.00 per year. He further stated that this was instituted two years ago.

Gerard Bourbonniere questioned if there were any figures currently available if a household needed an extra bin.

Theodore Scheidel stated that a recommendation would be made to the Mayor/Council and the Board of Finance as to what the cost would be. He further stated that was what most towns did, and if the bins cost \$40.00 to \$50.00, the Town, at the very least, would get that amount of money back for the extra bin.

Gerard Bourbonniere questioned if the residents would still be able to utilize the Transfer Station if they had extra trash.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the Transfer Station would be open for the demolition, metal, etc., and there was a bucket there for recyclables, bottles for the Scouts would remain. He further stated that there was a debate about bringing extra garbage to the Transfer Station.

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Theodore Scheidel stated that it would be counterproductive to allow solid waste and there would be added expense because you wouldn't be saving by not having any or any new equipment at the Transfer Station or replacement or even doing work around where the roll offs were now.

Theodore Scheidel stated that discussion had taken place about probably having a six or eight yard container at the Transfer Station for the Town's Highway Garage and for residential emergencies. He further stated that it was not to be abused and cited an example of a resident going on vacation, or an emergency, etc.

Theodore Scheidel stated that Greg Cody, the Transfer Station Attendant, did a very good job of keeping up with everything at the Transfer Station, but he needed a container there for his own use, as did the Highway Department.

Gerard Bourbonniere recommended that the Council follow what Theodore Scheidel had stated for residents that forgot to put their garbage out, and for emergencies, vacations, etc.

Gerard Bourbonniere stated that when the City of Bristol instituted Single Stream Recycling, approximately four years ago, trash actually did go down; they don't throw away extra trash in the trash bin, they do use the recycling bin as Theodore Scheidel had pointed out.

Gerard Bourbonniere stated that it costs approximately \$65.00 per ton to throw trash away and that he had heard (a month ago) that the City of Bristol was looking at the fact that recycling was doing so well and that the tipping fee would go down to zero (\$0) dollars.

Theodore Scheidel stated that in the contract it stated that residents could purchase additional containers directly from the Contractor at invoice cost, plus \$25.00 delivery fee for each container requested.

Pattie DeHuff, 20 Lynn Avenue, Terryville, questioned if the \$70,000.00 or \$700,000.00 to fix the Transfer Station would be a one-time fee.

Theodore Scheidel stated that those were the last numbers received.

Pattie DeHuff questioned if the Town actually had to fix the Transfer Station and was it something that must be done according to DEEP.

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Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Hopper at the Transfer Station regularly needs repairs and that when it is used the tank below it has to be pumped out and there would be savings in not having to do these things and further, that the DEEP was not mandating anything at this time.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the more solid waste that the Town handles, the more equipment the Town ends up needing. He further stated that a few years back the Town had to purchase some trailers for the Transfer Station and noted that they have a life to and would have to be replaced like the system that was being utilized.

Pattie DeHuff questioned if she understood correctly that there was a fee to operate the Hopper and also questioned if there would be an additional fee that the DEEP would require from the Town if the Town were to close the Transfer Station.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that under either proposal the Town would not be closing the Transfer Station, but might end up making some modifications.

Pattie DeHuff questioned if the Town voted in favor of the Curbside Pickup and closed it to residents bringing in weekly trash, could it be reopened in the future and utilized (exactly as Town uses it currently) should the Town decide to do away with the Curbside Pickup.

Theodore Scheidel stated that the State permit calls all of the facilities Transfer Stations and the permit was the same whether the towns collect solid waste at them or not.

Theodore Scheidel stated that if a town does collect solid waste at its transfer station then there were more rules that the town would have to comply with, but as long as the town holds the permit the town could go back to that area and collect solid waste again.

Pattie DeHuff questioned if there would ever be a time when the DEEP would tell the Town it had to do some type of capping like the Town had done at the landfill.

Theodore Scheidel stated that there was no real capping there, however DEEP might tell the Town that it had to do some test or remediation there to make sure that there was no contamination.

Theodore Scheidel stated that DEEP was always changing the rules and that was the reason why we see less and less Transfer Stations.

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Pattie DeHuff stated that she thought she'd be afraid because DEEP does keeps changing the rules and that the Town wouldn't be able to get back into the Transfer Station for those that do like to utilize it.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that years ago the DEEP had moved to what they call a General Permit that allowed different things at the Transfer Station and it was really a registration procedure at this point in time.

Richard Whitney, 183 Lake Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, stated that he thought Curbside service would be nice because he gets zero for services from the Town for the close to \$3,500.00 he pays in taxes to the Town. He further stated that he was concerned because the Town was asking for \$9.8 million for the big road project, the Town was asking for money to pay for Curbside Service and he noticed on the website that the Town would be asking for \$242,000.00 for some kind of Energy Conservation Program and he knows that most people's property values went down in Town and that meant that the Town would have to raise the mill rate to keep the tax level the same.

Richard Whitney stated that by itself he was not necessarily against Curbside Trash Pickup, but added into the other things he did not know where he was supposed to come up with more money for taxes that were already to high, noting that he lost his job two years ago, and the new one that paid a lot less, had long hours and no benefits. He further stated that the morons in Washington, and the moron in the White House was going to require that he get insurance and that would steal more money for him and forcing him to pay for insurance would be another burden on him.

Richard Whitney stated that he did not have kids in the school system, noting that he didn't have any kids, not that he didn't want them; it was because he couldn't afford kids because of the Federal, State and local government stealing money out of his check every week. He further stated that it was unethical for him to have kids or buy anything that he couldn't afford and that he wouldn't.

Richard Whitney stated that he didn't go to the February 27, 2012 Public Hearing because he could only handle one night of agita per week.

Richard Whitney questioned when the government was going to quit borrowing and pay for stuff that we could afford, noting that he remembered people saying after the big school project that the Town wouldn't ask for anything large again for years.

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Richard Whitney stated that a couple of years later we have to spend a couple of million dollars more, noting that it never ends.

David Goodwin question what the Municipal solid waste had gone down to in tonnage since the Town was going to the Single Stream Recycling, therefore in the tipping.

David Bertnagel stated that he had come up with a net cost of \$310,000.00 and the difference between that number and Theodore Scheidel's (\$345,000.00) was \$35,000.00 to-date, and in the current budget.

When questioned about the current cost of tipping fees by David Goodwin, Theodore Scheidel stated that the cost was \$20.00 per recycling and \$64.50 for garbage and bulk would be reduced in July.

When questioned by David Goodwin, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Town's guaranteed tonnage of garbage was approximately 6,000 tons, noting that included commercial essential and non-essential waste.

David Goodwin stated that this was about the fourth time that the Town had gone about the curbside pickup thing and that he had only 45 minutes to examine the information and that he was just trying to get where we could all understand it.

When questioned by David Goodwin, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that \$383,000.00 budgeted for everything, not just the transfer station, but commercial waste as well.

When questioned by David Goodwin, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Town would have partial savings (\$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 per year) because of the waste that goes to the Transfer Station that the Town pays CWPM to haul it.

David Goodwin stated that the trash pickup would go from roughly \$300,000.00 for tipping fee to \$610,000.00 if he understood it correctly.

Theodore Scheidel stated that those figures were correct.

Richard Whitney questioned if the Town would be paying double what it was currently paying to do the curbside collection.

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Theodore Scheidel stated that he was comparing the hauling and the tipping with David Bertnagel's figures and that the savings with salaries, benefits and normal equipment upkeep there would be other savings, but there would be a budget figure of the \$300,000.00 (give or take) for the tipping fee and a \$347,000.00 figure for the new hauling and that it would be approximately two-thirds or 75% higher of what we now pay, not double.

Dan Donovan, Hancock Court, Plymouth, stated that the Town had lost back the Municipal trash pickup back in the eighties to recoup the money that the Town was spending on it and now the Town was putting it back out there and questioned what happens when the Town doesn't renew the contract and the there wasn't a Transfer Station.

Dan Donovan stated that the bill for the contract was only good for five years and that after that it would go up and as far as four years ago when the vote came up he had heard the same thing that monies would have to be put into the Transfer Station up to code and that as far as he knew it still wasn't up to code and very little had been done to bring it up to code.

Dan Donovan stated that bringing it up again was past practice and he didn't like it and there was nothing that he could do about it.

Council Comments

Town Councilman Zagurski questioned which two days and what kind of hours would the Transfer Station be kept open.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that one of the two days would probably be a Saturday and that the hours had not been determined as yet.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he liked the idea that people could still bring their trash to the Transfer Station, but felt that a six-yard tractor would not be large enough because he knew there would still be quite a few people bringing stuff in and that he would need at least a thirty-yarder.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that the Town would have to see how that went, noting that he had not gone over the top with his personal solid waste bucket and recycling buck, excepting at Christmas time he tends to have a little extra.

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Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he was in total agreement with Gerry Bourbonniere and that periodically he would miss bringing his garbage to the side of the road and that he would not want to keep it for a week and that it would be nice to have some place to bring it and that he would support having a dumpster at the Transfer Station.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he was frustrated by having to go to the Town Hall to get a permit to throw something away at the Transfer Station and questioned if there were anyway to automate this process and pay right at the Transfer Station. He further questioned if Anthony Lorenzetti had thought about putting a scale at the Transfer Station for demolition materials.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that was one of the items that was originally discussed with the upgrade and that the City of Bristol was presently going through this and they would be a model to have discussion with about the issue, what it would entail, cost, etc.

Gerard Bourbonniere explained the process at the City of Bristol, known as a "pay as you throw", that they had two scales and that that you utilize a debit card with \$100.00 on it minimum or it can't be used. He further stated that there was a weigh in and a weight out with \$.04 per pound for disposal with no money exchange at the Transfer Station and that it had to be done at City Hall. Gerard Bourbonniere stated that if you did not have a debit card you would not be allowed into the Transfer Station and that the only problem the city was experiencing with the process was how they would institute it.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that DEEP would like to see this type of program everywhere because it encourages recycling.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he wanted to be assured, noting that it was his biggest concern, that if in five years the rate of Curbside Trash Pickup were to quadruple, the Town would still be able to go back to the Transfer Station if the Town wanted to.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that as long as the State was still doing General Permits for Transfer Stations, the Town would be able to. He further stated that there were procedures to follow at a Transfer Station and that the General Permit shows what those things were. He further stated that as it stands today, the Town would be able to do that, however he could not predict what the DEEP would be doing in the future.

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When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel if the estimate to repair the Transfer Station was approximately \$700,000.00, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that figure came from redoing the Hopper operation, Hopper equipment, deterioration on the site itself (parking lot) and reconfiguring the site.

When questioned by Town Councilwoman Schenkel, Anthony Lorenzetti stated that Curbside Trash Pickup would reduce some of the traffic and would help with the deterioration of the driveway, however the Town would still be collecting the waste and demolition material, and that there be some extended life for the equipment not being utilized i.e. the backhoe, the loader, etc.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he presently pays for trash pickup, noting that was his option. He further stated that he thought the \$300,000.00 for tipping was being included in the \$347,000.00 with the new contractor to do curbside pickup.

Anthony Lorenzetti stated that everyone needed to realize that the \$300,000.00 for tipping fees was already currently in the Public Works budget.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that he would do everything that he could to try not to raise taxes in Town and to try to be as creative with the money that the Town now has, noting that every dollar counts.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she wanted to thank the Public for coming out and speaking. She further stated that she wanted to thank Tony, Ted and David for the information they had provided.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that her two biggest concerns had been that people would not be able to bring any of their household trash to the Transfer Station should they have extra.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that her second concern had been that the Town would not lose its permit if the Town didn't use the Hopper for five years and that it could go back to using it pending no changes in the State.

Town Councilwoman Murawski stated that she was in favor of allowing the Townspeople to decide whether or not they wanted to pay for the cost of Curbside Trash Pickup.

Town Councilman Foote stated that the Referendum was the way to go.

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Town Councilman Ferreira stated that earlier a gentleman had questioned what he could do about the Curbside Trash Pickup question and Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the gentleman could go out and vote. He further stated that was why the Town Council had agreed to put the question before the Townspeople and not to make the decision for them and that it was their call and they did have a voice.

Town Councilman Ferreira stated that the Town Council listens to the Townspeople and hears what they are saying and that hopefully, everyone will have their say in the form of a vote, up or down.

Town Councilman Zagurski stated that he loved the Transfer Station and that he loved going to the Transfer Station and that he agreed that the Public has the right to vote. He further stated that he also knew that a lot of people liked curbside pickup and that he wanted to see the issue go to a Referendum for a vote.

Town Councilwoman Schenkel stated that she hated the Transfer Station and that she never wanted to go there again and asked Town Councilman Zagurski to stop at her residence and pickup her trash on his way to the Transfer Station.

Action to be taken if necessary

Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Foote, to send this proposal to Referendum with the date to be decided at the Town Council Meeting to be held on March 6, 2012. This motion was approved unanimously.

Mayor Festa thanked everyone for coming out this evening to the Public Hearing Meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business of the Town Council, Town Councilwoman Schenkel made a motion, seconded by Town Councilman Ferreira, to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. This motion was approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Acting Recording Secretary