

Salisbury/Sharon Resource Recovery Authority

Transfer Station Building Committee

Special Joint Meeting

Tuesday October 30, 2018 5:30pm

Salisbury Town Hall

(Meeting Minutes Draft)

Meeting was called to order by Curtis Rand. Present: Curtis Rand, Bill Braislin, Bob Loucks, Malcolm Brown, Charlie Kelley, Tom Bartram, Ed Reagan and Dale Jones.

Approve Agenda: Bob Loucks Moved to Approve, seconded by Ed Reagan and unanimously Approved by SSRRA and TSBC.

Approve Minutes of the October 17, 2018 TSBC meeting. Charlie Kelley Moved to Approve, seconded by Bill Braislin and unanimously Approved.

Approve Minutes of the April 25, 2018 SSRRA meeting. Bill Braislin Moved to Approve, seconded by Ed Reagan and unanimously Approved.

Review USDA funding policy:

Curtis Rand gave the update on activity since the last TSBC meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Grindie, Anchor Engineering, had been in contact with the USDA. The USDA got a new third party involved who was not in favor of getting revised bids from all three valid bidders. It was indicated that the spreads between the three bids would be too great, even after cost-cutting revisions. As bargaining with only one bidder is against USDA regulations, Curtis Rand suggested two possible solutions. First: Lower the design and re-bid it. Everyone would get a chance again, but it would take quite a bit of time. Second: Sign the contract and do change orders down with the low bidder, Burlington Construction, starting at the submitted bid. This solution would mean going back to the Towns and asking for approximately \$500k each, to match Burlington's bid. That is the USDA's preferred option. Bill Braislin indicated his support for the second solution. Curtis Rand has asked Burlington if they would hold their bid for a while and they have agreed. He suggested that there may be some cost-cutting options which could be explored later on. Dale Jones indicated his support to go with the bid from Burlington and go back to the Towns to explain the situation. Curtis Rand also expressed his support for Burlington. The original project would keep a favorable rate of interest and grants would stay in place.

Comments from public. One comment was received about the swap shop.

Bob Loucks made a Motion to go back to the Towns of Salisbury and Sharon to ask for the amounts (of funding) to match Burlington’s bid. Seconded by Ed Reagan. All in Favor. The Motion was Approved.

Comments from members: Curtis Rand explained that the SSRRA and TSBC would ask to meet with the Boards of Finance in both towns, to request additional expenditures. A special meeting of the Selectmen would be called, as soon as possible, to make recommendations. The next step would be Town Meetings.

There were no further comments from the members or the public.

Adjourn: Dale Jones made a Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Charlie Kelley. Motion was unanimously Approved.

Recorded by: G. Petry

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