

August 30, 2022

The Stonington Resources Recovery Authority held a special meeting on this date at the Stonington Town Hall at 2:15 p.m. Present were First Selectman Danielle Chesebrough, Selectwoman June Strunk and Selectwoman Debbie Motycka Downie. No members of the public or press were present.

**(1) Call to Order**

Ms. Chesebrough called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

**(2) Comments from the Public**

None

**(3) Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the September 8, 2021 special meeting minutes.

**(4) New Business**

**Discussion – Amendment to Collection Services Agreement**

Ms. Jill Senior, Director of Solid Waste, gave a brief overview of the amendment to the Collection Services Agreement with F.E. Crandall Disposal, Inc. noting that in December 2021 the Solid Waste department budgeted \$720,000 following discussions with Mr. Frank Crandall (F.E. Crandall Disposal Inc.) for the residential curbside trash collection for FY22/23. This would equate to \$7.74 per household, slightly more than a 3% increase over the prior year's contract. F.E. Crandall notified the Solid Waste department that he wished to revisit the contract or have the Town rebid the contract due to significantly increased cost of collection.

Historically, the Town has had a lower collection cost than the rest of the region for many years. Since FY19/20 F.E. Crandall has increased their rates to the Town a mere \$1.33 per household. In addition to weekly curbside MSW and recycling picked up weekly, F.E. Crandall also provides the service for our textile recycling program, and Christmas tree disposal.

F.E. Crandall has proposed \$10.25 per household, a \$2.50 per household increase from what was budgeted. Due to the rising costs of diesel, repairs, maintenance and labor costs, the request, although poorly timed, is reasonable and renegotiating the contract would be in Stonington's best interest.

The proposed rate for FY22/23 is \$942,918.00, an increase of \$222,918.00 over budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Downie, seconded by Ms. Strunk and voted unanimously to approve the amendment to the collection services agreement with F.E. Crandall Disposal, Inc. to include an increase of \$2.50 per household totaling \$10.25 per household.

In discussion, Ms. Downie asked how the increase would be funded. Ms. Chesebrough stated that the item would go before the Board of Finance at a future date for either a line-item transfer or potential use of ARPA funding. The item could also go to a Town Meeting for an additional appropriation; however, it is believed the funding source will be accomplished without having to take that step. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

**(5) Comments from the Authority**

None

**(6) Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.



Stacey Haskell  
Recording Secretary