

MINUTES/NOTES

TOWN OF KENNEBUNK

SELECT BOARD SUBCOMMITTEE PAY-AS-YOU-THROW (PAYT), RECYCLING & TRANSFER STATION REVIEW

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023 - 6:15-7:30 P.M.
KENNEBUNK TOWN HALL – THIRD FLOOR, ROOM 305

1. CALL TO ORDER

On July 26, 2023, at 6:15 pm in Room 305 of the Town Hall, the following were in attendance at this PAYT, Recycling & Transfer Station Review Subcommittee meeting:

Subcommittee Members:

- Select Board members, Lisa Pratt, Kevin Therrien, William Ward
- Town Staff: Town Manager Heather Balsler, Public Services Director Bryan Laverriere

2/3. DISCUSS THE PAYT PROGRAM (Pricing, Annual Bag Purchase)

Subcommittee members discussed the PAYT bag pricing, and reviewed the financials. The Subcommittee members approved utilizing the Enterprise Fund fund balance to address the operating deficit from 2023 with no recommended increase in bag price. They also approved buying a years' worth of bags, which will thus not require a price increase. There was discussion that in preparation for the 24/25 budget that staff will prepare options to consider no longer keeping the PAYT program but rather have the cost of trash/recycling included in annual taxes.

4. UPDATE ON CONTRACTS ENDING 6/30/2025

There was discussion about the trash/recycling, CPRC (transfer station) and tipping fee contracts. Staff will continue to have discussions with vendors and contractors and begin working on RFP documents at the end of the year to go to bid mid-2024.

5. TRANSFER STATION VENDOR/CPRC REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO SOME FEES AND CHANGE IN HOURS

Subcommittee members discussed the request for increase in fees and changes to the hours of operation for the Transfer Station. After discussion, the Subcommittee members had no recommendation to the Select Board on either issue, as they needed to hear from the CPRC representatives at the August 1st Select Board meeting to understand the request and need for changes.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm, with subcommittee members agreeing to reconvene in the near future as additional issues come up relative to the PAYT discussion.