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PRESENT: R. P. McDermott, Chairman; L. M. Smith, Selectman; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator; K. Nydam, Chairman; M. Hastings, E. Caldwell, Members

JOINT MEETING WITH RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE: Discussion took place with regard to the expiring 25-year contract with the Southeast Regional Refuse Disposal District 53B for trash disposal. It was noted that the Hampton Falls Board of Selectmen did send a letter notifying the SRRDD of its intent to preserve its right to withdraw from the District should decision be made to do so. In conjunction with this letter, a warrant article in this regard will be part of the 2015 Town Warrant. A second warrant article may be in order to finalize discontinuing membership with the District.

K. Nydam provided a copy of the Town of Brentwood's RFP specifications documents. It was suggested that this information could be used as a template for drafting specifications for Hampton Falls should it be needed.

A discussion of the Town's current experience, as well as potential changes to disposal location took place. It was noted that with the new contract with SRRDD, two disposal locations would be available to Hampton Falls.

The SRRDD Committee meets next on November 12. More information may become available at that time. M. Hastings noted that the SRRDD contract terms go with the Town to include the option of multiple disposal sites.

Committee members indicated that they would be meeting in March to prepare an RFP for curbside collection services as the contract with Northside Carting expires at the same time as the SRRDD (disposal) contract on June 30, 2015.

L. M. Smith requested that Committee members determine the pricing associated with staying in the District or leaving the District, to include what services the fees cover and the services that might be lost, and provide a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Committee members spoke to costs associated with staying with the District versus leaving the District. It was felt that there is no real dollar change. One risk associated with staying in the District is that should the Committee vote on an action that affects the District budget, all District Towns are affected. One instance this might happen is when tonnage limits are not met.

The Committee indicated that there is a plan by the SRRDD to hold one (instead of two) hazardous waste collection day in 2015. The Town of Hampton Falls would lose the ability to participate in this hazardous waste collection day if it is no longer a member of the District. Statistics show that 12 Hampton Falls residents participate each year. Question was raised as to whether Hampton Falls could participate in a neighboring Town's hazardous waste disposal.

Another suggestion was made to consider having two days per week for curbside collection; one day for recyclables and a different day for trash. It was noted that the current tipping fee per ton is \$61 and that Hampton Falls generates less than 1,000 tons per year. No contract wording has been available from the District as of yet. It is recommended that town counsel review the contract wording once available.

FINALIZATION OF THE TAX RATE: R. P. McDermott and L. M. Smith reviewed the answer to a question regarding overlay from the Department of Revenue Administration representative. Additional consideration to the overlay amount was given and resulted in applying \$25,000 to overlay and \$250,000 to reduce the tax rate. This information will be provided to the DRA as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at Noon.