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PRESENT: R. P. McDermott, Chairman; M. Kasprzak, Vice Chairwoman; L. M. Smith, Selectman; L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator

WORK SESSION – SOLID WASTE ORDINANCE, FEES, OTHER: The Board conducted a page by page review of the draft revised wording of the Town of Hampton Falls Solid Waste Ordinance identifying changes, updated fee amounts, additions and deletions. This ordinance relates to waste generated from within the Town of Hampton Falls only; waste originating outside of Hampton Falls is prohibited. Penalties of up to \$1,000 are in place for violations of this Ordinance.

The Board agreed to consider a draft statement outlining the Board's intent and purpose of this ordinance in regard to curbside disposal as well as household solid waste collection days sponsored by the Town two times each year. The Board recognized the needs of the residents, to include the costs and hazards associated with disposal, and the options available.

It was discussed that the efforts of this meeting of updating solid waste disposal information is in part to ensure a balance of service to townspeople with regard to proper disposal; this being achieved by way of options, outlets and opportunities for residents to properly dispose of trash and other household bulky items.

A current concern is that the costs associated with the Town's two sponsored collection days in the spring and fall are continually increasing and the ability to get rid of certain items is no longer available to the Town costing the taxpayer whether they use the option or not. It is anticipated that with identifying allowable and prohibited items for disposal in Town, providing education and information to residents as to other options or outlets for disposal, as well as updating fees to current industry standards, the intent of household solid waste collection days being revenue neutral could be met.

Discussion took place with regard to curbside collection of trash and recyclables. The Board reviewed the limit to the number of trash bins or bags allowed for weekly disposal at the curb. Concern was expressed in that it is known that some residences exceed the allowable weekly amount as well as dispose of items prohibited for disposal at the curb. The Board requested that this concern be addressed by the Recycling and Solid Waste Committee in the spring with the RFP for the expiring contract.

The Board also discussed the Town's disposal of recyclable items at the curb noting that the ordinance designates recycling as mandatory. All agreed that the efforts related to single-stream recycling are simple and that all residents are encouraged to recycle in order to reduce the tonnage disposed at the landfill thus reducing the costs associated with disposal fees and budgeting funds in this regard.

L. A. Ruest referred the Board to a suggestion of the Town Clerk in regard to dump stickers. The proposed sticker allows for a hole- punch of the month and year eliminating the need to write information with ink that does not last. The Board was amenable to this proposal. Fees associated with disposing of certain items at the household solid waste collection days, to include

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dump stickers for participating, were reviewed and updated based on discussion. The Board requested that L. A. Ruest ask Northeast Resource Recovery Associates to review the proposed fees on behalf of the Town.

Listings will be available to residents outlining Acceptable or Prohibited items for disposal at the Hampton Falls Brush Dump on household solid waste disposal days. Fees charged for certain items will be used as offsetting revenue for the costs associated with the collection day(s). Prohibited items include demolition or construction debris and items deemed hazardous waste. Brush, grass and leaves will continue to not be accepted on household solid waste disposal days.

An additional listing identifying other outlets or locations that accept items regularly disposed of at the Town's two sponsored collection days is also available to residents. Many retail stores accept the disposal of numerous items from plastic bags, electronics, light bulbs, batteries, used eyeglasses and hearing aids and others. A tax bill stuffer was sent to property owners with information relating to the Town of Raymond's transfer facility; this option is available to the public Monday through Friday, allowing for no longer having to hold on to an item until the Town-sponsored collection days in the spring and fall.

L. Ruest will update the documents for another review then draft documents will be sent to Town counsel for input and ultimately a public hearing scheduled.

OTHER: The Board agreed to hold one more budget work shop. Department Heads have been asked to review for possible reductions in proposed budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.