



**TOWN OF HOLLISTON  
SELECT BOARD**

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**SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
HOLLISTON TOWN HALL  
AUGUST 23, 2019**

**Present:** Mark Ahronian, Chairman; John Cronin, Vice Chairman

**Absent:** Tina Hein, Clerk

**Also Present:** Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator; Jay Talerma, Town Counsel; Michael Lavin, Chairman of the Sustainable and Recycling Committee; Kathy Peirce, Principal Assessor; and Liz Greendale, Town Clerk

M. Ahronian called the meeting to order at 9:00a.m.

M. Ahronian said the purpose of the discussion was to discuss the solid waste and recycling services currently being provided to residents.

M. Ahronian provided the history of issuing the Request for Proposals and the selection process of E.L. Harvey. He met with the Holliston Business Association lots of information about the program was shared with the community.

The Contract with E.L. Harvey is for a residential service. J. Cronin said he might disagree with that statement.

M. Ahronian said there is a scheduled follow-up discussion on the Selectmen's Agenda for September 9<sup>th</sup>.

M. Ahronian said there was a lot of discussion about the size of the carts and it was finally decided to go with the thirty-five (35) gallon cart for trash and sixty-four (64) gallon for recycling. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) supports this approach with grant funding.

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M. Lavin noted that the Town decided to keep the sticker program for the larger bags.

M. Ahronian said we need to better understand the cost for providing the service to condos on public way.

M. Lavin said if the Town were to consider providing the service to condos on private ways dumpsters would have to be used and the Associations would have to be contacted to set that up and it would be very expensive.

A bid document would have to be developed for condos on public ways and if the Board decides to provide the service to condos on private ways a second bid document would have to be developed.

M. Ahronian said a pervious Selectman told a person at Balancing Rock the Town would provide the service and the Town did so for two (2) years and then that was stopped. He further said, J. Cronin made a good point that if we want to encourage small businesses to locate in Holliston the service should be made available to them as well.

M. Ahronian asked for a legal recommendation.

J. Talerman said there are really no statutes governing the Selectmen and the Board can develop a policy providing the service and design it pretty much any way you like. However, there must be reasonable divisions or categories defining each division. For example, a program defining who gets the service such as private homes, not industrial parks, condos on public ways but not on private ways, apartments with four (4) or fewer dwelling units. These could all be denied in the policy for the board to review and ultimately adopt.

Once the policy is adopted the Town could then approach the current hauler and ask for an addendum to the Contract if they are not interested the town could the solicit price quotations for this additional service.

M. Lavin said we would then have to account for the additional expense for the extra carts and the cost of disposal at Wheelabrator.

K. Peirce asked about when the Planning Board issues a Special Permit often times specific items are defined as not being provided to condos such as snow removal or trash collection.

J. Talerman said yes some may get certain services some may not.

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M. Lavin said we are currently providing the service to four (4) family dwelling units and under anything above that is viewed as a for profit business and they should have a dumpster.

J. Cronin said the basic issue for him is taxes. If you pay taxes you should get the service or make it available.

J. Talerman said these can all be addressed in the policy the Board could evening define who gets the service by zoning district or the Board could simple establish a “small business trash district.”

It is important to have a logical rationale for example we collect everything on public ways but not private ways.

J. Ritter to send the E.L. Harvey Contract to Jay and try to define any four (4) unit dwellings who are not current being provided the service with carts.

Define which condos on public ways should be provided the carts.

J. Cronin said he thought the former Town Administrator had an excel spreadsheet listing all the businesses.

It was agreed the Board would provide a further update under other business next Monday.

Adjourn: J. Cronin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05a.m. Second. M. Ahronian.  
Voted 2-0

Respectfully submitted



J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator