

Carrabassett Valley Selectmen's Meeting

4:30 p.m. Tuesday May 29th, 2018 at the Town Office

Agenda:

Review and sign 2018 Payroll Warrants:

Review and sign 2018 Town Expenditure Warrants:

1. **MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING** (May 14th, 2018) are attached.

2. **BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CAMPBELL FIELD RECREATIONAL BRIDGE:**
Please find attached a summary of the bids received for construction of this new bridge. The low bidder is Lindsco Equipment Co., Inc. of Brewer, Maine for \$198,586. This is the same company that built the Town's recreational bridge (Munzer) near the Airport Trailhead. We have been in correspondence with the Town's engineer for this project (C.E.S.) and all appears in order (Lindsco did not officially acknowledge receipt of the bid Addendum in their bid but they were aware of it and it does not pertain to them. The Addendum allowed bidders to install a pre-fabed steel bridge from companies that do this. However, Lindsco will fabricate the steel bridge themselves (as they did with the Munzer).

The Lindsco bid calls for holding their price until June 7th as steel prices are fluctuating higher. If the Board approves their bid, the next steps are to send them a 'Notice of Award', receive their payment and performance bonds, sign a contract and receive their schedule (which we may know more about at the Selectmen's meeting).

With engineering (\$48,500) and this construction bid (\$198,586) this puts the total project cost to approximately \$250,000 which is where we estimated it to be. Provided we receive F.E.M.A. funding for the replacement bridge we have enough funding for the project.

3. **DRAMATIC PRICE INCREASE IN RECYCLING COSTS:** Unfortunately, due to major market influences the price received for recyclable materials has dramatically decreased. From what we understand this is nationwide problem that is reflecting much higher costs for recycling. Please find attached a letter we received from Waste Management (WM). Until now, we have been charged \$15.57 per ton for processing recyclable materials. WM has indicated that as of June 1st they will need to charge anywhere from \$140 to \$200 per ton for processing. WM collects our (and a number of town's) recycling materials and repacks them for shipping to ECO Maine in Portland. Due to market conditions, ECO Maine has had to increase their processing fees and add an increase due to "dirty loads".

The Town of CV collected 145 ton of recyclables in 2018 (see enclosed spreadsheet). At the pre-June 1st rate of \$15.57 that translates to a processing cost of \$2,258. At a cost of \$140 that would translate to an annual cost of \$20,300. At \$200 per ton that would translate to a processing cost of \$29,000. So the annual cost of continuing to recycle 145 ton of recyclables would increase annually by approximately \$18,000 to \$26,700 for 145 ton of recyclables.

For discussion purposes, if the Town were to temporarily discontinue recycling until markets improve (except cardboard) the extra 145 ton (at \$68.33 per ton disposal costs) would cost the Town approximately \$9,990. So the difference in cost between recycling 145 tons per year versus not recycling would be approximately \$10,300 to \$19,000.

As you can see from the attached spreadsheet, the Town produced \$995 tons of trash in 2018 and 145 ton of single sort recycling materials.

This discussion gets a little more complicated due to the cost of the Town continuing to pay for "transportation avoidance costs" for Condo Associations for recycling which we will discuss at the meeting.

- 4. PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018 TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN FOR THE TOWN'S PUBLIC LOT:** The Town of CV Public Lot Forestry Committee wishes to hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on June 18th. The plan is for the Board of Selectmen to hold their meeting prior to this public hearing. Both meetings will be held at the Library Building??

**TOWN OF CARRABASSETT VALLEY
MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 14, 2018**

Board Members Present: **Bob Luce** **Jay Reynolds**
 Lloyd Cuttler **John Beaupre**
 Karen Campbell

Others Present: **Dave Cota** **Nick Aschauer**
 Courtney Knapp

Bob Luce opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. and welcomed those present.

Expense Warrant #20 for \$60,220.05 was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

Payroll Warrant #19 for \$23,347.25 was reviewed and signed by the Selectmen.

The Minutes of the April 30, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting were reviewed. Lloyd Cuttler made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Jay Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota reported that a dry fire hydrant in Twin brook has been broken for some time. It's an important part of fire protection, as it allows for drafting water from a pond on private property. The hydrant is on Poulin Court. Courtney Knapp reported that Jane Matte had purchased a house and built a pond with the idea that it could also provide for fire protection. They put in 100' of pipe with a riser out by the road. It was damaged during the prior winter and was scheduled for repair, but after the October 2017 storm, everyone got too busy. It will require some excavation to repair the elbow at the bottom of the trench. They will also have to plug the inlet to the hydrant in order to do these repairs. Lloyd Cuttler said that, if the Town were going to make these repairs, it would be a good time to request an easement for this hydrant, both from Mrs. Matte and SMC. Bob Luce suggested taking the funds from the Selectmen's contingency fund, at least for the majority of the cost, and Courtney will take the balance from one of his budgets. Jay Reynolds made a motion to approve this project, taking the first \$3,000 from the Selectmen's contingency fund. John Beaupre seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota reported that the Town received one bid for the Structural Repairs to the Transfer Station. Dave checked with the engineers, and they suggested that the cost should be around \$40,000. The bid received from Adams Construction was \$46,416, but it could be reduced if the concrete testing is eliminated. This would bring the cost down to \$42,716. Dave indicated that there is \$30,000 in the Transfer Station Account, and he could likely find some money in other accounts. It is likely that the Town would need to approve an overdraft in the Transfer Account, which is authorized by the Town (at the annual Town meeting from "overlay" in the tax commitment). Dave suggests moving forward with this, since the work does need to be done and we did not get any bids last fall when we placed this project out to bid. There is a hope that this work will help to alleviate some of the freezing pipes in the building. John Beaupre made a motion to approve this project and repair the freezing pipes at the same time Jay Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota presented the Selectmen with a job description for the Code Enforcement Officer/Assessor's position. With approval, Dave will move forward with advertising of this position. It is anticipated that, with this schedule, we could hire someone by early July with September Tax Assessors position. Dave is hopeful that the ideal candidate will do both positions, but there is a possibility we may to break this up into a full time Code Enforcement Officer and either contract out the Assessing or fund a part time Assessors position. Dave will change wording on the advertisement to indicate that Town would prefer to find one candidate for both positions however, individuals with certification or those lacking experience in either field are still encouraged to apply. Nick will assist with advertising the position in various venues.

Dave Cota reported that the Campbell Field Bridge project is out to bid, with bids due on May 24th. During last week's pre-bid meeting, there were some concerns raised about the timetable in the bid spec due to the availability of steel and steel fabricators. Dave is looking into different options with the Town's engineer. Dave has had some challenges with FEMA and their insistence that the bridge would require both Army Corp of Engineers and DEP permitting although we are told the project does not permitting, as the bridge is a replacement and no work will be completed in the water in the river.

Dave Cota reported that Peter MacDonald, who wanted to lease lot #13 at the Airport, has reconsidered and is not interested. Dave is moving on to the next person on the wait list. There may be permitting required by the DEP for building of hangar on lot #14. Dave is working toward acquiring that permit.

The 2018 Timber Harvest Plan for the Public Lot was presented for the Selectmen's review. The Forestry Committee will be meeting on Thursday May 17th. They would like to hold a public hearing to allow for public comment. The area that would be harvested this year will be the same area where there may be further mountain bike trail development next year

Dave Cota reviewed the 2018 Plan for Mountain Bike Trail Maintenance and Development. Using the Mountain Bike Trail Committee's recommendations, a plan was developed and reviewed at last week's committee meeting. In addition to the development and maintenance work, some survey work will also be undertaken this year. Tim Flight is now the chair for the signage committee with the idea that there will be some temporary signage in lieu of not having Campbell Field available. There may be some overlap with Maine Huts & Trails for trail intersection signage. Bob Luce expressed concern about rails for the Huston Brook Bridge; Dave Cota indicated that contractor Mark Fournier will build them prior to Memorial Day.

Tom Butler had informed Dave Cota that Brenna Herridge would now represent Sugarloaf on the Trails Committee. Tom will still attend meetings when he is available. Lloyd Cuttler made a motion to accept this appointment. Jay Reynolds seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Dave Cota reviewed an idea from Bruce Albiston regarding a movie night at the yurt.

John Beaupre inquired about whether there is any action at Judson's. Dave Cota said that the Planning Board is holding the "grandfathering" of some setback requirements for a limited amount of time. Dave will speak with Bill Gilmore to see what more can be done.

Jay Reynolds inquired about sponsoring a team for the Ayottee golf tournament. The Town is sponsoring a hole.

Informational:

Town Clean-up Day is this coming Saturday.

There is a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, May 22nd at 6pm for the school budget and two "Town" warrant articles.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be May 29th, followed by another on June 18th.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Schnorr

BID OPENING RESULTS

PROJECT: CARRABASSETT VALLEY - CAMPBELL FIELD RECREATIONAL BRIDGE

JN: 12362.001

BID OPENING LOCATION: TOWN OF CARRABASSETT, 101 CARRIAGE ROAD

BID DATE/TIME: THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018 @ 10:00 AM

NAME/COMPANY	LUMP SUM BID	A1	BB
Chesterfield Associates, INC. Westport Island, ME	\$ 338,075	✓	✓
T Bach Construction, Turner, ME	395,924	✓	✓
Lindsko Equipment, Co., INC, ME. Brewer,	198,586		✓
CPM Constructors, Freeport, ME	296,816	✓	✓
Gordon Construction, Inc. Sangerville, ME.	1,408,000	✓	✓
Reed & Reed, Woolwich, ME	477,000	✓	✓
N. F. Luce, INC.	233,000	✓	✓

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May 14, 2018

Dave Cota
Town Manager
Town of Carrabassett Valley
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Carrabassett Valley, ME 04947.

Dear Dave:

Waste Management is seeking an extraordinary increase to recover the increased costs of recycling. This request is the result in changes implemented by the Chinese Government in 2018. Beginning with their ban of Mixed Waste Paper and Plastics Imports on January 1, 2018, and then their implementation of a 0.5% contamination limit, the impact of these policies on global recycling markets is significant, and is on-going.

Through 2017, over 25% of the world's recyclables were imported by China, including over 50% of the paper and plastics recycled across the globe. China's new import policies banning materials and limiting contamination means that China is no longer a viable export market for recyclables. This has resulted in an oversupply of commodities across the globe, which has led to depressed commodity pricing. Supply is high and commodity pricing is low for the material that cannot achieve China's 0.5% contamination limits.

Due to the new material bans and 0.5% contamination limits, recyclers have had to add operating expense and slow down processing lines. This has increased the cost of recycling at the same time that commodity values are low. See attached news article regarding Ecomaine new rates.

Beginning June 1, 2018 Waste Management will be charging \$140.00 per ton for all recyclable material at our commercial entrance and residential drop off. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Pete Lachapelle
Waste Management
603-330-2104

Ecomaine warns public it may start paying a price for sloppy recycling

pressherald.com/2018/05/04/ecomaine-warns-public-it-may-start-paying-a-price-for-sloppy-recycling/

By Peter McGuire

May 4, 2018



Ecomaine has a message for recycling customers – if you keep sending us trash mixed in with materials for recycling, it is going to cost you.

The nonprofit corporation is losing thousands of dollars a month as it struggles to pick out as much non-recyclable material – called contamination – as it can from the thousands of tons of recycling it processes every year. The current problem: a global price collapse brought on by a Chinese ban on importing many types of waste.

RECYCLABLES at a glance

Paper, including but not limited to:

- All clean cardboard, paperboard and pizza boxes
- Newspapers, advertising inserts and mail
- Magazines, catalogs, phone books, hard-cover books
- Clean paper plates (not soaked or caked with food or oils)
- Wrapping paper that can rip

- Milk and juice cartons (it helps to remove caps, but isn't necessary)
- Drink boxes and other aseptic containers (such as nut milk boxes)
- Shredded paper (contained in a clear plastic bag)

Until the market turns around, the only way to bring down costs is to make sure ecomaine is getting "clean" recycling, CEO Kevin Roche said Thursday during a tour of the Portland recycling plant. That means checking to make sure plastic bags, Styrofoam, food waste, light bulbs and propane tanks aren't getting into the recycling bin with paper, glass, metal containers and cardboard.

Unless contamination rates come down, more than 70 towns and cities that send recycling to ecomaine could face hefty penalties – up to \$70.50 a ton for very dirty deliveries.

"The only variable we can do something about is contamination," Roche said. "We need everyone's help to fix this problem. The next time you go to a recycling bin, ask yourself, 'Which bin should I put this in?' If you don't know, please find out."

Ecomaine takes in 150 tons of mixed recycling a day, but a lot of what gets unloaded can't be recycled. Mixed in with newspapers, cardboard and metal cans are plastic scraps, broken lawn furniture, dirty diapers, old food and a galaxy of other refuse. Plastic bags, rope and string easily get stuck in the sorting machines and force the plant to stop work. On average, about 15 percent of "recycling" is actually trash, Roche said.

Ecomaine is stepping up a public education campaign to remind people what can be recycled and what can't, including its new [online encyclopedia](#), a database of 700 common household items.

CHINA DISRUPTS THE RECYCLING MARKET

For years, selling dirty recyclable materials wasn't a problem because China, the world's largest recyclables customer, allowed contamination rates of 30 percent to 40 percent, Roche said. In January, the Chinese government [banned or restricted 24 types of materials](#), including mixed paper, which accounts for about 60 percent of ecomaine's recycling.

In 2017, ecomaine was getting about \$100 a ton for mixed paper, Roche said. Today, it has to pay someone \$60 a ton to haul it away. Dozens of compressed paper bales are stored outside the recycling plant and may stay there for as long as six weeks until a buyer emerges.

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China disrupts ecomaine and other recyclers with 'foreign garbage' ban

As of March, the company had earned \$1.9 million from recycling, which is \$582,000 less than it earned during the same period in the last fiscal year.

"We have entered territory that we have never experienced in this industry," Roche said. "Markets for residential mixed paper have reached an all-time low after a very long stretch of stable markets."

Exporters have found new markets for household paper in India, Vietnam and Indonesia. There is no local market for the material, Roche said.

With a global glut, buyers can be picky, only taking material with 2 percent to 4 percent contamination, he said.

To meet those standards, ecomaine has spent heavily to quadruple its sorting staff, slow down processing and invest in new technology. The plant's operations for the current fiscal year had cost \$1.6 million as of March, which is more than \$46,000 above budget and almost \$265,000 more than at the same time in 2017, according to a March finance report.

To recover those costs, ecomaine is starting to charge \$70 a ton to process recycling from about 40 communities that contract with the company. It also is inspecting recycling loads for contamination and charging customers \$40 to \$70.50 a ton if contamination is over 5 percent.

"It is not a new policy. It has always been there, but we are going to have to exercise it more in the face of these market challenges," said ecomaine spokeswoman Lisa Wolff.

CAMPAIGN TO KEEP RECYCLING 'CLEAN'

The collapse of the mixed-paper market has American waste management companies scrambling to recover costs. In an April financial report, Waste Management, a Houston-based company with branches in Maine and across the U.S., said its recycling business was down \$77 million in the first three months of 2018 compared with the same period last year.

Waste Management public affairs director Susan Robinson decried the problem of contamination in an April [blog post](#), claiming some consumers equated putting any material into a recycling bin with actual recycling.

"We call this wishful recycling or 'wishcycling' and it is lethal to our nation's recycling programs," Robinson said.

Waste Management, like ecomaine, is launching a campaign to limit the rubbish mixed into recycling bins and will likely increase fees.



Ecomaine is asking residents to abide by Do and Don't guidelines in hopes of keeping contaminating materials out of their recycling waste, such as straws and plastic shopping bags. *Staff photo by Derek Davis*



Ecomaine CEO Kevin Roche picks through unsorted materials delivered to ecomaine for recycling. He said, "The next time you go to a recycling bin, ask yourself: 'Which bin should I put this in?' If you don't know, please find out." *Staff photo by Derek Davis*

Casella Waste Systems, a Rutland, Vermont-based company with operations in Maine and other New England states, also is considering higher fees.

The market for recycling has gone up and down over the years, but the current crash is unprecedented, said Casella Vice President Joe Fusco.

"The problem here is that you have so much mixed paper around the world chasing smaller and smaller outlets," Fusco said. "The economics of recycling are broken right now."

If the market downturn persists, it may force a discussion about whether items that have no demand will still be listed as recyclables.

"One of the mistakes we made 20 years ago was pushing the idea that recycling was free," Fusco said. "I think that did recycling a disservice in the long-run. It has to make economic sense, and that means paying for it."

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2017 MSW and Recycling Totals

Month	Transfer Station Recycling		Sugarloaf/Condo Recycling	Total Recycling	Transfer Station OCC		Base Lodge OCC		Total OCC	Transfer Station MSW/Demo		Sugarloaf Base/Hotel MSW		Sugarloaf Condo MSW		2017 Total MSW	2016 Total MSW	2015 Total MSW	2014 total MSW
	Station Recycling	Recycling			Station OCC	OCC	OCC	MSW/Demo		MSW	MSW	MSW	MSW						
January		10.96	10.96	10.96	4.09	6.69	10.79	24.59	15.60	84.71	124.90	114.33	148.84	155.30					
February	8.14	15.79	23.93	23.93		4.21	4.21	29.14	25.12	61.84	116.10	131.01	129.33	139.28					
March		15.88	15.88	15.88			4.44	22.91	31.48	65.42	119.81	102.76	116.41	120.73					
April		9.07	9.07	9.07	5.11		5.11	22.21	20.50	48.30	91.01	93.40	96.47	112.36					
May	8.00	5.49	13.49	13.49			5.11	36.00	6.92	26.95	69.87	66.44	83.62	65.37					
June		6.06	6.06	6.06			0.00	40.25	4.28	26.33	70.86	68.64	62.82	66.25					
July		4.37	4.37	4.37			0.00	26.00	10.21	22.60	58.81	49.38	69.69	87.78					
August		5.06	5.06	5.06			0.00	38.88	0.00	28.66	67.54	63.90	74.47	95.71					
September		6.35	6.35	6.35	6.10	4.78	6.10	46.47	8.37	25.36	33.73	73.33	87.76	83.97					
October	7.78	6.88	14.66	14.66			4.78	36.50	3.74	30.99	71.23	79.73	83.29	120.24					
November		12.21	12.21	12.21	4.20		4.20	43.15	4.57	36.26	83.98	66.04	78.41	83.30					
December		12.20	12.20	12.20		4.11	4.11	45.52	9.61	32.62	87.75	103.23	93.70	131.40					
Totals (Tons)	34.31	110.32	144.63	144.63	19.50	24.23	43.74	411.62	140.40	490.04	995.59	1012.19	1124.81	1261.69					