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March 3, 2021 5:30 pm Chester Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order @ 5:30 pm via Zoom

Present: Elizabeth Massa, Clerk, Nicholas Chiusano, Chair, Gregory Harrison

Approve 01-05-2021 meeting minutes: all voted yes

Transfer Station New Compactor Pricing: Discussed preliminary pricing for a new rubbish compactor. Met with Tom Maguire of Maguire Equipment of whom the present compactor was purchased from in 2005. Also requested quotes from other vendors for the same or similar compactor model to get an idea of how much they cost. Also asking for pricing for the electrical and concrete work required. Liz stated she will reach out to find a technician qualified to do a thorough check of the current rubbish compactor. Wickles Trucking will rent a compactor box for the same price we are in contract with now at \$75.00 per month. The reason for this is our current compactor is approaching the end of its life.

Single Stream vs. Dual Stream: Discussed all pros and cons of switching to single stream recycling vs. our current dual stream recycling to save money. After lengthy research and computing dollars we have determined that maximum dollar savings would come from staying dual stream and compacting our recycling.

30/33 Gallon Bags of Rubbish Fees: Reviewed current bag fees being charged by neighboring towns. Most towns are now breaking down bag sizes with associated costs. Will research further and also research pricing on town supplied bags in one size.

Batteries and Light bulb recycling acceptance and fees: Our current recycling company is willing to let us accept household batteries and light bulbs. We will put 5 gallon buckets out to collect these items and they will be stored in the electronics box and determine a fee.

Grant Updates: At our 01-05-2021 meeting we voted to use our 2020 RDP grant funds on purchasing a electronics box and switching vendors. Pricing for 2021 electronics recycling has increased however our current vendor ECR is keeping our price steady and also is lenient in not enforcing a minimum three haul per year agreement. The Town had only two hauls in 2020. This has upped our confidence in ECR and we believe the grant money will be better spent on something else. VOTE to not spend the \$2,450.00 2020 RDP grant money on a new electronics recycling container and to bank it instead for future use. EM made a motion, GH 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor and approved.

Meeting adjourned 6:04 pm

Minutes Approved 05-11-21 @ 6pm meeting