

## Kim's analysis of costs from other towns in NH

Following the SWOT analysis, we came up with a list of questions that we felt needed to be addressed by the committee and steady work has been done chipping away at it. One of the questions is how many people would like to have trash picked up and take the recycling only to the transfer station? Bigger picture question would be, is there some other operating mode that would make sense for us? The following research will help us in thinking about things differently and hopefully spur discussion on operational models that may be more efficient, less costly, encourage more recycling, etc. I can do additional research on other communities if we decide it is worth pursuing further. Most of the numbers were taken from town reports and solid waste reports off the internet. I have not verified any of the numbers.

To assist in comparison, I found our current solid waste budget and divided by the number of residents

### **Canterbury**

solid waste budget: \$145,000/2,389 people = **\$60.69/person/year**

### **Belmont**

Belmont trash and recycling is collected curbside with a MSW and recycling drop-off option at a Casella-owned facility on Route 140. Recycling is only accepted Saturday mornings, MSW can be dropped off Monday-Friday 7-4. They do not accept yard waste.

- Population: 7314
- Collection budget: \$247,339
- Disposal budget: \$157,250
- Cost per resident  $(247,339+157,250)/7314 = \mathbf{\$55.32/person/year}$

Although I was not able to find the answer, it is likely that they receive a discount or even rent as a 'host community' for the Casella transfer station.

They will be converting over to a special bin this year to allow a more automated pick-up system.

### **Northfield**

Northfield trash is collected curbside by Casella and recycling can be dropped off directly at the transfer station two days per week.

- Population: 4872

- Collection cost (2021): \$149,445
- Disposal: \$100,090
- Transfer station cost: \$25,495.
- Cost per resident  $(149,445 + 100,090 + 25,495) / 4872 = \mathbf{\$56.45/person/year}$  (The trash only cost is \$51/person/year)

## Raymond

Raymond has a 5-year contract with Casella to operate their transfer station. Instead of taking the responsibility of collecting waste curbside, they negotiated with Pinard a cost for **residents to pay** for pickup of trash or trash/recycling. The transfer station only accepts recycling.

- Population: 10,529
- Households 4115
- Household pays for trash and recycling pick up: \$425/year
- Household pays for trash pick-up only and (presumably) takes recycling to transfer station: \$365/year
- Casella pays Raymond to rent their transfer station: \$5439/month
- Casella tipping fee of \$0.67/ton for non-Raymond recycling
- Cost per resident  $((4115 * \$425) - (12 * \$5439)) / 10,529 = \mathbf{\$159/person}$

## Concord

Concord has PAYT and reduced their trash volume by 40% when they went to paid bags. In addition,

- recycling is free,
- leaves and grass are collected curb side 2x/year
- no yard waste is accepted at the facility
- the transfer station is contracted and operated by Casella
- Casella has the capability of single stream recycling
- You can bring trash to the transfer station and pay by weight, \$10 minimum fee: \$0.0705/ lb. for a non-resident, \$0.0575 per resident. Recycling can be dropped there, single stream.
- Plans are to separate the RFP into collection and disposal for the next RFP cycle.
- (I was not able to find the costs but given their population, probably not all that useful)

## Shaver

I also spoke with Shaver. The charge \$40/month for Canterbury trash pick-up on Fridays. There are no recyclables collected. The trash is taken to Allenstown.

## **Pinard**

The Pinard website lists pick-up costs for trash and recycling. At 1-1000 homes, the cost is \$675/year/home (\$56.25/month); 1001-2000 homes \$525/year/home (\$43.75/month)