

Shutesbury Recycling and Solid Waste Committee
Sub-committee meeting with Allied Waste Management
March 20, 2012

Present: Paul Vlach, Meryl Mandell, Gary Bernhard, RSWC members; Becky Torres, Town Administrator; Arlene Miller, Regional Recycling Coordinator; Dan Higgins, Aaron Florek, Bruce Stanas, Allied Waste Management.

The meeting began at 3:15 p.m.

The Recycling and Solid Waste Committee had prepared a list of questions ahead of time to which the representatives of Allied responded:

1. In your proposal you say that you need to be able to “change collection days.” Can you say more about this statement?

Allied’s intention is to begin with Wednesday collections and continue for several months to see what the route looks like. Any decision to change the route would be made well in advance.

2. What alternatives could you offer – ie: bid price reduction; community outreach or donations; etc.?

Allied will provide an annual scholarship of \$500 to a Shutesbury student studying environmental science. Allied will also donate \$1,000 a year toward any project determined by the RSW Committee.

3. Do you propose to do every house curbside? If not, what?

The default plan is to do as much curbside pick-up as possible. In the course of mapping the route, Allied will determine which roads are inaccessible for Allied trucks and ask that residents bring trash and recyclables to the top of the road. Allied will work with the RSWC to clarify the roads and needed notifications to residents.

4. What is your proposed route (start, order, finish, etc) and how will the trucks be deployed?

The route will be determined after the contract is awarded. The plan is to use one truck with two compartments (one for trash, one for recyclables).

5. If we were to switch to single stream collection at some point in the future, what changes would have to be made?

There would be no major changes. Collection would still be manual, but all recyclables would be collected together each week. Since Shutesbury already has a PAYT program in place we can expect little increase in recycling from single stream.

6. Where would you get, and how would you transmit, weight slips?

Weight slips will be obtained directly from the MRF for recyclables and from Covanta for trash. Weight slips will be transmitted to the Town Administrator on a monthly basis.

7. How would you handle, process, transmit info on rejection notices?

Rejection notices will be created in concert with the RSWC. Drivers will keep track of rejections issued and report to the Allied office. Allied will report rejections to the Town Administrator on a weekly basis.

8. How will you handle winter collection on steep and/or narrow roads?

In case of bad weather in winter Allied will call the Town Administrator as early as possible, and they will make the call to collect or not to collect together. Allied and the Town Administrator will determine which roads, if any, will be deemed impassible during winter months.

9. Given that our contract with Covanta (and MRF?) will expire during the course of our new hauling contract, what would you suggest for the Town's disposal of trash and return of recyclable materials after that happens?

Allied is now involved in trash disposal and sends trash to the Chicopee landfill. The Allied reps said that Shutesbury was paying Covanta far too high a rate right now and suggested that they could get a better deal for us if we did decide to go with Covanta after the contract runs out in 2015. They suggested that we don't sign another long-term contract with Covanta.

10. Would Allied be willing to bring a typical hauler vehicle to Shutesbury Town Meeting to introduce their new service if Allied is selected for the new contract?

Yes.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:00.