

**COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 24, 1995**

PRESENT: Ed Campbell, Gloria DeGrandpre, Charlotte Bishop, Roger Wold, Kenneth Mann, Randall Bennett, Elizabeth Ruff

FREEPORT ELDERS ASSOCIATION:

Mary Kennedy, Chairperson, shared with the Council the Freeport Elders Association's philosophy and objectives outlined in the attachment. Jan Foley, Director of the Fifty-Five Plus Center in Brunswick, spoke of activities at the Center as well as the organizational structure of the Senior Group. Brunswick currently has nearly 300 Freeport members. Brunswick supports the group by providing space and administrative assistance. Fees and fund-raisers support the programs. Both United Way and the Town of Brunswick contribute.

Councilor Wold raised the issue of a shared facility with other groups. Councilor Campbell raised the issue of seniors from other communities becoming involved.

The Association asked the Council for assistance in the way of seed money. A written proposal will be prepared for the next Council.

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE: Discussion on an Incentive Based Solid Waste Disposal Program

Kathy Bither, Chairperson, presented the Council with a recommendation on a User-Fee system for the disposal of residential waste as outlined in the attachment. A number of questions concerning experience of other communities, hauling and recycling were asked. Concern was raised over the proposed option of a transfer station drop off.

This issue will become a priority for the next Council.

Adjourned: 9:05 p.m.

MEMO;

TO; FREEPORT TOWN COUNCIL

FROM; FREEPORT ELDERS ASSOCIATION

RE; INFORMATION REGARDING THE 'NEW' FREEPORT ELDERS ASSOCIATION

DATE; OCTOBER 24, 1995.

BOARD OF ELDERS

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Ex officio:

Freeport Councilor	TBA
Thomas Nash	865-6171 Freeport Community Education

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We elders have a need to congregate, to communicate, to share and to socialize in a style and atmosphere that appreciates our uniqueness, our values, our wisdom and our expertise. We further beleive that we have earned and deserve dignity with respect as we approach our inevitable adventure.

OBJECTIVES

- 1. Inform Elders of available resources and services via their newsletter and meetings**
- 2. Have meetings that are specific to the elder generation in order to address their issues.**
- 3. Make available activities that are age appropriate and encourage socialization.**
- 4. Collaborate with existing agencies and programs that provide services and programs that are used by elders.**

CONSULTANTS

Our consultants have agreed to make their services available to our membership by serving ex officio on the Board of Elders on an as needed basis.

We have selected these consultants because they have demonstrated their special interest in the needs and issues of our age group.

Accountant———TBA
Clergy———Lynn Peyton
Financial Consultant—Jennifer Mogavero
Freeport Community Services
Nutritionist———TBA
Pharmacist———Wayne Thompson, R.Ph.
Physician———Todd A. Tritch M.D.
Podiatrist———Dr. Shannon R. Meridith
Registered Nurse———TBA
Social Worker———TBA
Elder Insurance———James LeClair
Elder Law———Atty. Linda Cady

COMMITTEES

Hospitality—Reach out program

Newsletter

Publicity

Membership

Activities—calendar

Fund Raising

Volunteers

Resources/Services

FEA,S SHORT TERM GOALS

- 1. The Association shall establish and maintain a list of members.**
- 2. The Association shall establish a meeting schedule.**
- 3. The Association shall establish a committee structure.**
- 4. The Association shall establish funding methods.**
- 5. The Association shall provide a monthly newsletter with a calendar of events for the membership and interested public.**
- 6. The Association shall obtain a list of participating merchants in the Freeport area that are willing to participate in a discount program, as they deem fair to FEA members.**
- 7. The Association will obtain a copying machine.**

FEA'S LONG TERM GOALS

- 1. The Association shall seek to obtain a membership of at least 300 by October, 1996.**
- 2. The Association shall work to locate and obtain space to be used as a "drop in" Center that will accommodate our philosophy.**
- 3. The Association shall seek nonprofit status to increase eligibility for funding.**
- 4. The Association shall obtain a Van to accommodate our membership.**

**PROPOSAL #3
TOWN OF FREEPORT
INCENTIVE BASED SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PROGRAM**

INTRODUCTION

There are many ways for a town to implement a pay-per-bag or incentive based solid waste program. It's called incentive based because it provides economic benefits to families to recycle and reduce the amount of trash they throw away, i.e. the more you recycle the less you pay. From looking at a number of different towns in Maine (about 75 use some type of system) each town has approached the challenge differently and we've found that there are as many ways to address the issue as there are towns!

In general, there are two fees associated with residential waste disposal; 1) the trucking/hauling fee and, 2) the tipping fee for actual disposal at RWS. In Freeport currently, residents pay the trucking fee directly to the haulers and the Town pays the tipping fee to RWS. Haulers bill the residents directly and the town pays RWS directly. In addition to the two fees, there are other variables involved with such a program such as how the money is collected, tags or bags, what to do with oversized material, how to handle the schools and municipal facilities and multi versus single hauler systems. As you can imagine, the issue is complex and potentially sensitive.

The key to implementing an incentive based program will be public involvement and education. To get the ball rolling we've put together this initial proposal for a plan for Freeport. This is based on the information we've collected over the last few months and input from haulers, committee members and other nearby Towns that have programs.

There is one very important point to make that has been widely recognized regarding any incentive based program. The hardest hit financially from the implementation of this type of program will be large and economically disadvantaged families. Therefore, it is really important to have viable alternatives or plans in place to accommodate those groups of residents.

GOALS FOR THE FREEPORT PROGRAM - Prioritized by the Committee

- ◆ To reduce solid waste generation and increase recycling rates.
- ◆ Simple, easy to use system.
- ◆ To increase equity among residential customers by paying for the amount of solid waste services they use. Makes people more aware of the actual cost of disposing of solid waste.
- ◆ To minimize personal cost.
- ◆ To include and pursue a transfer station drop off option for municipal solid waste.

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Freeport Incentive Based Program

- ◆ **Retain the multi hauler system to promote local small businesses and maintain customized service.**
- ◆ **To reduce the total cost to the municipality of solid waste management.**
- ◆ **To subsidize other solid waste programs. (Low priority according to committee input)**
- ◆ **To get solid waste management costs entirely out of the tax base, by raising sufficient revenues to cover all costs associated with solid waste collection and disposal.**

SINGLE VS MULTI HAULER

The Solid Waste Committee has seriously considered a single hauler system and agrees that it is the most economical way to provide trash pick up service for the Town. However, there are many other factors that must be considered with implementation of such a system. One of these reasons is that such a program was rejected by a previous council. Therefore, we do not recommend a single hauler system at this time.

Freeport Incentive Based Program Recommendations

- ◆ **Maintain the multi-hauler system now in-place. Households contract with and pay the hauler of their choice. Trash only removed that is in a special bag or has a tag on it.**
- ◆ **Special trash bags sold at all local and area stores. We can start with Shop-N-Save, Shaws, Bow Street, Freeport Variety, Ward Town Variety, Town Hall and expand with resident input.**
- ◆ **35 gallon and a 20 Gallon bags available.**
- ◆ **Bags will be maroon with a Freeport logo**
- ◆ **Coupons will be sent out to all taxpayers the first year for 100 free bags (10 coupons for 10 bags each to be redeem at stores). Reduce the number of free bags over a 2-3 year period. (Bag and admin costs ~\$0.12/bag) (100 bags X 2200 households = \$26,400 in bag production and distribution costs)**
- ◆ **Price of the 35 gallon bags may be between \$0.95 and \$1.05 each (with the tipping fee at \$85/ton)**
- ◆ **Tags available at the Town Hall for oversized items.**

- ◆ School and municipal waste will be handled as commercial waste. This means that schools and municipal facilities would be billed separately for their solid waste disposal by the hauler.
- ◆ Some method will should be in-place for people who can not afford them to receive bags. Freeport Community Services and other options will be investigated.

TRANSFER STATION OPTION FOR TRASH DROP OFF.

We propose that an additional roll-off be available at the transfer facility to handle trash disposal. This will provide residents with an alternative to the hauler system currently in-place.

- ◆ Trash would still need to be in special bags.
- ◆ Cost to drop of would be \$0.25/bag with recycling and \$0.50/bag without.
- ◆ Coupon books to be purchased at the Town Hall and perhaps local area stores.

Initial costs to implement this will be to add a roll-off to the Transfer Station Plan, design and purchase coupon books and potentially phase in a compactor. There will be additional manpower required at the Transfer Station to accommodate this option. This could be funded in part by the proceeds of the fee.

Example:

Freeport currently disposes of about 2000 tons of solid waste per year. If 50% of the households decide to elect the transfer station drop-off option (this is a very high estimate), then about 1000 tons would be hauled from the transfer station a year. That makes about 20 tons per week or about 3 roll-offs per week. With about 800 bags of trash in a roll-off (8 tons per roll-off, 20 lbs per bag) projected revenues are between \$500- \$1,000/week (\$500 if all people recycle and \$1000 if no one recycles). Cost of hauling a roll-off to RWS is about \$61 (\$183 for 3 per week).

**Freeport
Tons of Trash to RWS**

	Waterman	D.Wentworth	K.Wentworth	Yarmouth	Totals
7/94	18.63	42.70		80.86	142.19
8/94	21.95	48.23		110.52	180.70
9/94	21.99	41.68		88.39	152.06
10/94	20.74	35.65		75.76	132.15
11/94	17.94	37.04		99.12	154.10
12/94	17.11	38.37		77.23	132.71
1/95	17.72	33.64		87.78	139.14
2/95	13.99	28.69		58.86	101.64
3/95	15.56	36.44		68.99	120.99
4/95	18.46	33.02	20.21	73.30	145.99
5/95	19.53	40.13	20.63	98.93	179.22
6/95	19.45	37.38	26.84	82.16	165.83
7/95	23.72	40.49	20.54	84.33	169.08
8/95	17.03	47.41	26.47	107.40	198.31
9/95					
10/95					
Average	18.92	38.63	22.94	85.27	151.01
%	11	23	14	51	

Three month total (June, July, Aug 95)=
533.22 tons/3months

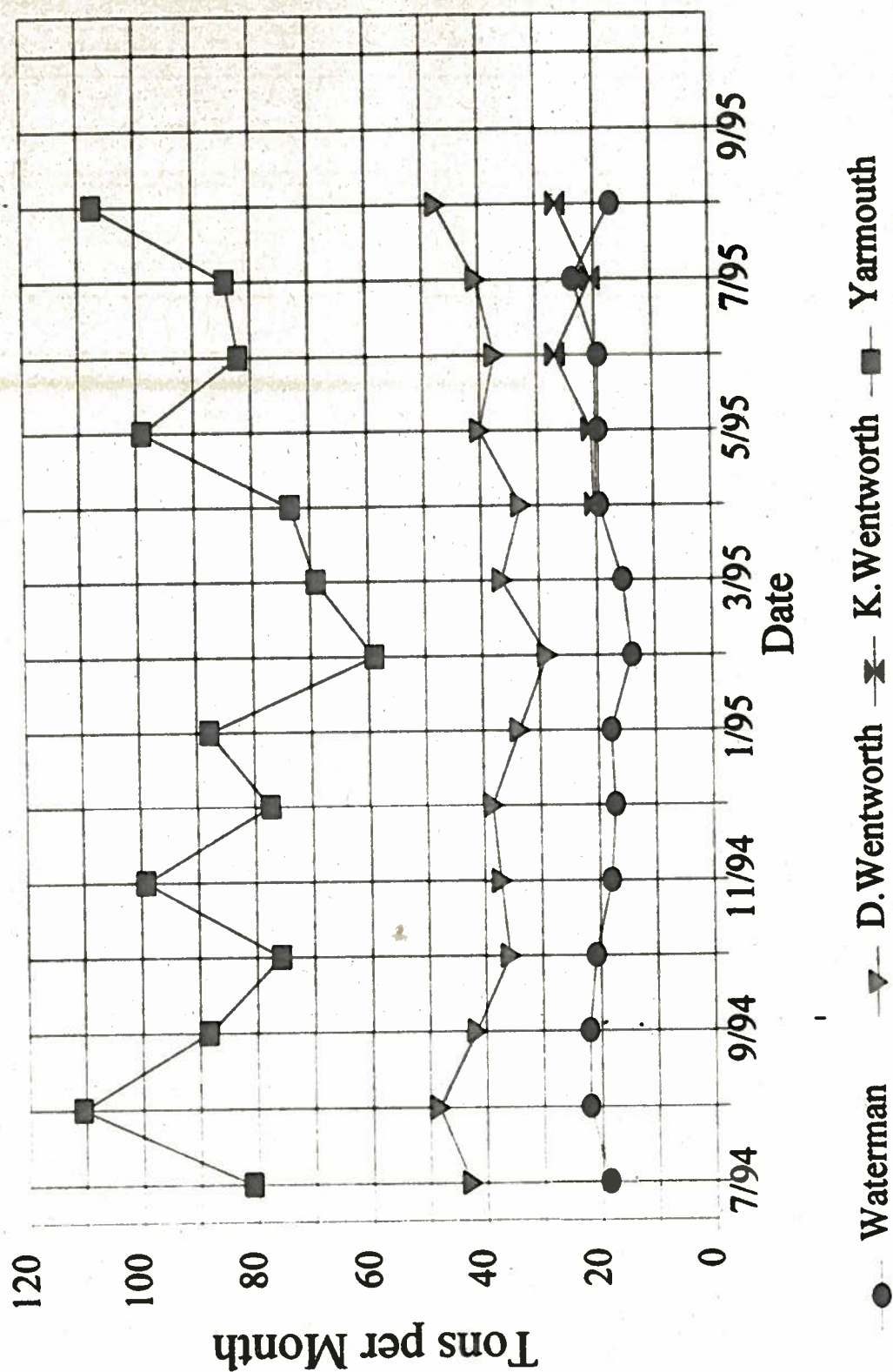
Annualized 2132.88 tons/year At \$85/ton= \$181,294.80 At \$125/ton= \$266,610.00

2200 residences		0.97 tons/household	1939 lbs/year/house
20lbs/bag =		97 bags/household/year	
2300 residences		0.93 tons/household	1855 lbs/year/house
20lbs/bag =		93 bags/household/year	
2800 residences		0.76 tons/household	1523 lbs/year/house
20lbs/bag =		76 bags/household/year	
3100 residences		0.69 tons/household	1376 lbs/year/house
20lbs/bag =		69 bags/household/year	

Tax assessor says 2800 residences which include about 500 condos which dispose of trash as commercial waste.
CMP says 3126 residential readings - includes apartments, condos and multi readings for off time use

Freeport Solid Waste Disposal

Waste Disposal by Hauler



Freeport Solid Waste Disposal

Total Monthly Solid Waste Disposal

