

CRSW/RRC  
Annual Public Hearing  
November 17, 2011

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Public Hearing opened at 6:05 p.m. by Co-op Chairman, William G. Herman.

A. Budget Hearing on proposed 2012 Cooperative Budget

Jim Presher began by explaining the aerial photo of the Franklin Ash Landfill he had used for the cover and that the approximate acres currently in use is 15.

1. Review of proposed 2012 Budget

Jim Presher, Co-op Director explained the format of the budget for those in attendance unfamiliar with the handout given.

Going to page 2 Jim P. explained the summary and noted where all the breakdown of the items could be found within the budget.

Jim explained that the actual service fee total for 2012 is less than the 2011 year due to the fact that the GMQ numbers are less for 2012.

Going to the Landfill expenses, Jim P. explained the items that are covered as expense for the ashfill site owned by the Co-op.

Looking at the three (3) designated funds for Landfill Closure Jim explained that the Closure Fund was established several years ago so that if something was to happen tomorrow we would have the money set aside to close the site. Shortly after that time the State of NH, DES mandated that such accounts had to be established for all landfill sites, as well as a 30 year Long Term Maintenance Fund.

On a yearly basis our consultant engineers, CMA, prepares a report for DES as to what is required in each account. Jim said based on inflation rates, etc. it had been noticed that not enough had gone into the Closure account so this year the amount has been doubled as a catch up provision. Joe J. asked if the \$180,000 will also be the amount in the future. Craig M. said it could be but the formula used in the calculation is based on inflation so it could be more or less.

Jim P. added that although the Co-op in 2007 decided to create a 100 year fund it was strictly done in good faith for future planning but it is not required by the DES or EPA.

Looking at total budget the bottom line the difference from 2011 to 2012 is an increase of approximately \$34,000. Jim noted that by applying the surplus amount we can hold the tipping fee at the \$66.80 per ton cost.

Bill Herman stated that the Operating Committee at its November 02, 2011 meeting had recommended the \$66.80 for the proposed 2012 budget.

Jim P. explained the encumbered funds line as being set aside for invoices not yet received on services provided.

Steve Rasche said at the rate we are using the reserves will run out in another year or so. Jim P. said that is correct.

Dave Hartman said that we are paying for all ash disposal and we are only using one-half of the total trash capacity at the landfill, somehow there should be an adjustment.

Jim P. said we are working with WCC in trying to come up with numbers that will be workable for all.

Looking at page 3, Sally Highland noted that WCC fee is up from the previous year.

Craig M. said that the increase is only due to inflation not additional fees.

Jim P. reviewed the Franklin Ashfill expenses and said we have had the same contractor for 22 years and have always had an excellent operation. Jim added that the NH DES from time to time brings in people to see the site and how it is operated to help them understand how it should be done.

Franklin Host fee. For those new to the process Jim P. explained the amount paid to the City of Franklin and said that we no longer have an agreement with them as it expired and has yet to be resolved. The city is asking for more than the Co-op feels it should be paying. As a municipality we are not required to pay property tax but that since opening we have paid a "Host Fee" to assist the City in the loss of possible taxes. The amount for 2011 was \$110,000 and we are holding that same amount for 2012.

Going to page 7, estimated year end, Jim P. explained the items that are expected to be over for 2011 and those under.

Pages 8 and 9 were shown as the designated funds, balances on hand in November 2010 and the anticipated balances at year end November 2011.


Sally H. asked about a total for the WCC tipping fee column. Jim explained that he had not used one but it is the difference between the total of \$6,200,776.80 minus the GMQ at \$10.80 per ton or \$5,198,256.

Going back to the designated funds Sally H. said although the money is set aside for the Landfill Closure and Long Term Maintenance of the Ashfill it has not been used and will not be used until closure is required. Jim P. responded yes that is why we had set it up and also what the State requires in the event something were to happen tomorrow and we

were required to close it then funds would be available.

No further questions the public hearing closed at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Sheldon Morgan, Secretary

Joint Board Public Hearing  
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Attendees

Don Gross	Andover, Alt. Rep.
K. Jeanne Beaudin	Belmont, Rep.
Dean Hollins	Boscawen, Alt. Rep.
Lois Kilnapp	Bradford, Alt. Rep.
Mark Bucklin	Bristol, Rep.
Stephen Rasche	Canterbury, Rep.
Chip Chesley	Concord, Rep.
Craig Ohlson	Deering, Rep.
Patrick Bowne	Dunbarton, Alt. Rep.
George Turcotte	Franklin, Rep.
Sheldon Morgan	Gilford, Rep.
Justin Leavitt	Gilmanton, Rep.
Pete Fernades	Henniker, Alt. Rep.
Michael Stanley	Hill, Rep.
Paul J. Moynihan	Laconia, Rep.
Steve Bennett	Loudon, Rep.
Bob Southworth	Northfield, Alt. Rep.
Sally Hyland	Pembroke, Alt. Rep.
Ed Sawyer	Salisbury, Salisbury, Rep.
Joe Jesseman	Tilton, Rep.
David Hartman	Warner, Rep.
Bill Herman	Weare, Rep.

Others in attendance: Ted Vallieres, Dunbarton, Craig Musselman, CMA Engineers, Co-op, Jim Presher, Director Co-op and Jean Ann Cooper, Admin.Assistant, Co-op.