

## **Town Status Report - June 10, 2019**

**Town Hall Rekeying** - This is a carryover item from our last meeting. The real issue to decide is do we want to install an electronic lock system on the exterior doors at Town Hall? We currently utilize One Source to service our electronic system at PD and other security cameras around town. The new Fire Station will also be equipped with a One Source electronic security system including locks and cameras. These systems are preferred because they improve security, allow us to activate or deactivate access upon request, provide faster access for emergency responders and allow us to control and track afterhours access. One Source has proven to be a reliable, responsible and affordable supplier. Total cost of \$20,000 is in the Building Budget as Contractual - Buildings. Annual software cost is under \$1,000. Our IT Director will oversee all systems with departmental input. Approved by BOS 4-1.

**Transfer Station Operations & Rate Review** - This is also a carryover item from our last meeting. Staff has a few additional ideas based on the Selectmen's comments:

1. There should be a \$2.50 minimum charge for both residential and commercial.
2. After the minimum charge, the actual weight should be used to determine the charge. This eliminates the weigh scale sheet and should improve accuracy.
3. Residential rate should be \$140/ton or \$0.07 per pound to cover current cost.
4. Commercial rate should be ~~\$180~~ \$140/ton or ~~\$0.09~~ \$0.07 per pound to cover current cost and expected 5.6% demo rate increase and 2.3% haul rate increase for 2020.
5. Bulky items should increase to \$15 and charge sofa beds as 2 items and sectionals as individual pieces.
6. Next rate review will be in ~~November~~ September 2020 to be effective January 2021.

These are simply staff suggestions. The Board should discuss and decide. Approved by BOS 4-1.

**Dispatch Update DRA Opinion** - I would like to read the opinion received from DRA.

Our conclusion was that the subject matter was the Dispatch Center, a new one or improvement of the existing one. Not knowing at the time the current Center was used by multiple municipalities, the appropriation was assumed to be for the purposes of the Town of Milford. As the study would be for either purpose, it should be used for Milford's intent. The DRA's purview is the appropriation, which has been approved. The expenditure is ultimately under the Board of Selectmen's authority to carry it out as the voters intended.