

**Town of Montague**  
**Curbside Trash and Recycling Collection, Hauling Disposal RFP**  
**Response to Questions**  
**Issued: April 27, 2023**

**1. Can we bid this as single stream vs dual stream? If not, when does the dual stream processing agreement end with the Springfield MRF?**

Answer: Dual stream recycling collection is the required proposal. Single stream recycling collection may be submitted as an “Alternate Proposal.” The Town is not obligated to review and/or accept an alternate proposal. See page 8 of the trash bid narrative document. The current contract with the Springfield MRF ends on 6/30/2025. It is expected to be extended for an additional five years until 6/30/2030.

**2. Will the Town consider utilizing carts in an automated style collection and capturing PAYT participation by way of varying size carts?**

Automated collection using carts as described may be submitted as an “Alternate Proposal.” The Town is not obligated to review and/or accept an alternate proposal. See page 8 of the trash bid narrative document.

**3. Will the Town accept an “alternate only” bid?**

No. Page 8 of the trash bid narrative document lists the “Required Proposal” specifications.

**4. Will the Town allow for a longer contract term (longer than 3 years) as to better amortize equipment costs?**

The specifications are for a three-year term with the possibility of a two-year extension. A Town Meeting vote would be required to directly grant a term of greater than three years and such a vote was not pursued or taken in preparation for this contract. Note that the Town has historically opted-in to extension agreements for curbside collection services.

**5. What is the contract term for the dual stream recyclable contract with the Springfield MRF?**

The current contract with the Springfield MRF ends on 6/30/2025. It is expected to be extended for an additional five years until 6/30/2030.

**6. Where is the Town’s current MSW disposal location?**

**The current disposal location is McNamara Transfer Station in Springfield.**

**7. What is the current tip for MSW disposal?**

\$92.74/ton

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**8. What is the MSW tip fee going to be for FY24?**

Per current contract, disposal rates are adjusted annually by the May release of the 12 months' trailing average CPI Index for Water, Sewer & Trash.

**9. How many residents currently qualify for the "disabled resident" service?**

The Town does not currently have anyone in this status, it is a new provision that would be used in response to ADA requests for assistance.

**10. Please provide the bid results from the last time the contract was put out to bid.**

The Town has not bid out its curbside collection since 2007.

**11. What is the Town currently paying on a monthly or annual basis for the contract services?**

\$30,450/month. This includes recycling service (\$8,247.33), pick up service (\$20,152.57), administrative fee (\$5.95) and fuel recovery fee (\$2,044.15)

**12. Is there a requirement for collection vehicles to be of a certain age or newer?**

The RFP does not specify a specific age for collection vehicles. The Operational Plan requires a list of vehicles and the age of each. This will be considered as part of the evaluation of the Operational Plan.