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the intent of the report.



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City of Keene  
NEW HAMPSHIRE


May 23, 2013

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee

SUBJECT: **MEMORANDUM: Assistant Public Works Director - Sole Source  
Provider - MadVac Litter Collector**

On 4-0 vote, the Finance, Organization and Personnel Committee recommends the City Manager be authorized to do all things necessary to purchase a MadVac LNSO Vacuum Litter Collector from H.P. Fairfields, LLC of Pembroke, NH as a "sole-source" provider.



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Chairman/Designee

Background:

Mr. Watson stated that litter is an issue everywhere and Keene would like to be able to make sure that litter is picked up promptly so that it does not become an issue. He added that the City is trying to do all it can to keep up with litter and referred to a recent event, Green-Up Keene. He noted that there are always a small number of people who don't address their litter.

There is a particular issue at the landfill with windblown litter and it has also been noted that downtown seems to be an area which collects a lot of litter. Discarded cigarette butts are a big problem and can be tedious to cleanup. The option being presented today will assist staff greatly and would help them expand the area with litter collection. The vehicle resembles a large golf cart with a very powerful vacuum attached to the back of it. He circulated a picture of this vehicle. Chair Greenwald asked whether this can be used for leaf collection. Mr. Watson felt leaves might fill up the compartment too quickly and the City has other equipment to pick up leaves more efficiently.

Chair Greenwald asked where the money is coming for this purchase. Mr. Watson stated that it is coming from a capital improvement account.

Councilor Powers asked what is used to power this piece of equipment. Mr. Watson answered that gasoline is used to power this equipment. He asked how loud the operation would be. Mr. Watson stated that the operator would have to wear ear protection but it would not be any louder than the leaf collection equipment used downtown.

Councilor Clark asked what the life span of this equipment was and asked how easy it was to repair. Mr. Watson stated that the Fleet Department was consulted on this purchase and they determined that the moving parts seemed fairly rugged and the life span would be about seven to ten years.

Councilor Clark made the following motion which was seconded by Councilor Pregent.

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