

COMMENT FORM FOR: PAUL C. GOTT - ID# 22742

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Description	<p>Ms. Ingrahm, Mr. Hutchins and other interested persons, Point Roberts is faced with an untenable challenge; our garbage and recycling efforts have failed. Without them it is increasingly expensive and difficult to comply with health mandates and remain ecologically responsible.</p> <p>Current operator Point Recycling and Refuse, makes unsubstantiated claims and purports to determine what is best for the current situation. They may be correct but we have no process to evaluate their allegations. Local media has joined the fray and a few local activists have interjected themselves into the situation as well. The truth is quite simple. We need to redesign the system, or deduce a service purveyor who can effectively accomplish the work. Either way, the government authorities hold the keys to success. However, since you have so far been unable to satisfactorily handle this situation, we respectfully demand inclusion in the decision process. Rest assured, a decision needs to be made forthwith.</p> <p>Sensible problem solving skills teach us to determine what the problem is then decide whether we are allowing or causing it. We suggest the following criteria;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need and desire curbside garbage pickup. Current operators have abandoned the service. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Appropriate frequency of service needs to be determined 2. We need and desire curbside recycling pickup service. Current operators have abandoned the service. 	

- A. Appropriate frequency of service needs to be determined
3. It needs to be determined what the real costs of such program/s should be.
4. We need to institute services for all residences whether full or part time. We have never resided in an area where garbage collection was optional.
5. We need to create service provider selection criteria consistent with government regulation, community preferences and institute it with judiciousness.
6. We need to monitor the implementation process to ensure fairness.
7. We need to do this now.

Point Roberts is a predominantly retirement and vacation home area. The preponderance of our residents are senior citizens who have difficulty loading and unloading refuse and recyclables. Additionally, most do not own vehicles capable of safely hauling these same materials resulting in additional roadside litter (spilled). Finally, common sense dictates adherence to appropriate ecological practices including not wasting fuel. It serves neither our environment, our economic conditions or our national security interests.

The current process authorities are engaged is failing to solve the immediate problem or serve the long term interests of the community. We need a sensible solution catering to the individual needs of our community that complies with governmental regulations and neighborhood preferences.

Thank you for your considerations,

Jessica A. McVey
Point Roberts, WA

On 12/01/09 Dennis Shutler responded as follows:

Good afternoon Ms Gott:

I just wanted to take a moment to respond to your comments.

I do not have a telephone number to contact you through or I simply would have called you.

I wanted to thank you for your time and efforts in forwarding your concerns to staff, who will consider your information in making its recommendation.

Re: #4: The mandatory service (required by the county), you may want to contact the county to address your concerns in this issue.

Re: #5: Service provider selection criteria consistent with government regulation and community preferences. Then commission has a process it must and will follow to ensure a viable company is put into place to provide the service to the Point Roberts' area residents.

I hope this information is helpful.

Again, I thank you.

On 12/21/09 Mr wrote:

RE: Request for proposals Point Roberts garbage service

To all concerned,

I once again address this issue and direct attention to the proposed meeting on December 29 by the commission including announced "later decision making process". Why is this decision making process not accomplished in a public forum? The approach to this issue is flawed and ultimately, I believe, doomed to failure. These requests for proposals are inadequate. They neither specify performance criteria nor stipulate accomplishment methodology. While commission policy may be satisfied, our basic challenges are not defined nor a solution criteria specified. This is a waste of taxpayer and commission

	<p>resources and will not solve the problem at hand.</p> <p>Before we enter into any agreements, let's first design a program that addresses the needs of the community, then put it out to bid. This is not rocket science and we are not trying to go to the moon. We want a vendor who can satisfactorily meet all government requirements and community needs while paying the workers a fair wage including health benefits. The system should be designed so the operating business business entity be able to earn a profit. We need the following. Mandatory curbside home garbage collection (weekly). If you have a water hookup you pay for garbage service. Mandatory curbside recycling service (bi-weekly). If you have a water hookup you pay for service. On call or scheduled commercial drop box service. A facility to dispose of refuse when the previous methods described are impractical (by appointment). This is a micro business. Five or six employees and a few hundred thousand dollars worth of equipment. We don't need multiple vendors, we require good service and a competent organization to facilitate the operation. If things change drastically, rates will have to change and not in two or three years when the business goes broke. If it earns excess profits (above the sensible savings the business should be accumulating), the remainder should go back to the community either by rate adjustment or donation to pre-approved local needs. It should be relatively simple to design the system and I am sure competent organizations will welcome the opportunity to serve the community and be guaranteed a profit. The business should be audited annually to ensure proper adherence to specified policy.</p> <p>Come on folks, let's approach this issue with intelligence and fairness.</p>
Attachments	

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