

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes, November 20, 2002**

1. Call to order.
Chairman Tony Smith called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Ellen Brawley (Town of Mount Desert), Scott Harper (Town of Tremont), Robert Kates (ADD Board Member, Town of Trenton), Joelle Nolan (Town of Mount Desert), Beverly Sanborn (ADD Board Member, Town of Cranberry Isles), and Leon Yeaton (Consultant, Pleasant Bay Management)
2. Approval of minutes
Minutes from the October 24, 2002 were unanimously approved as circulated.
3. Regular Business
 - A. 2003 Budgets – Cranberry Isles and Trenton
Chairman Smith explained that Mount Desert has budgeted funds for ADD for 2003 and he requested that Trenton and Cranberry Isles confirm that they have as well. Mount Desert has carried forward \$3000±; Cranberry estimates the same. Mr. Kates will confirm with the Trenton selectmen. This money will be used for consulting and attorney fees for setting up the district.
 - B. Acadia National Park land earmarked for transfer station
The land is located in Town Hill. This is the same land that was considered a few years ago during the re-vamping of the district. Although it is land-locked and a portion may be “wet”, it still may be a viable location.

[Sherry Churchill, HCPC arrived]

- C. Transfer Station services and layout
Chairman Smith and Mr. Yeaton described the pros and cons of several existing stations. Eventually, tours of stations would be beneficial to ADD members.

Mr. Yeaton reviewed four documents he compiled for ADD. The first one, dated 10-26-02, dealt with “quick projects” in which he suggested that the focus of ADD be on setting up a legal ADD and setting long term goals. The second memo, dated 10-30-02, referred to Greg Louder now *former* Mayor of Ellsworth and its transfer station. Apparently Mr. Louder is trying to remove himself from Ellsworth trash issues because he is an employee of MRC. He would be a better contact for ADD through that venue. The memo also addressed the possibility of the Ellsworth transfer being for sale and the pros and cons for ADD. The third item, dated 11-20-02, contained several interesting tidbits of information, questions about local solid waste/recycling issues, and suggestions as to how to

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make the most of a consultant. The final message was an eleven-point summary of what the ADD sub-committee has accomplished during the past several months.

D. Formation of District

Chairman Smith will contact Attorney Gilbert by Wednesday of next week. A discussion about the interlocal agreement and the need for each Town's Board of Selectmen signatures resulted in the decision to just wait for the advice of the attorney.

4. Schedule next meeting

Mr. Kates suggested that the next meeting be held jointly with Ellsworth solid waste/recycle personnel in Ellsworth with a tour of the transfer station.

It was agreed that ADD options currently included Ellsworth, EMR Inc, Acadia National Park land, or other land and build its own transfer station. And it was agreed that an immediate ADD goal is to make a decision regarding a transfer station.

Mr. Yeaton offered to share the Pleasant River Transfer Station budget information as a guideline.

MOTION MADE, SECONDED (Kates/Sanborn) AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO CONTACT ATTORNEY GILBERT AND REQUEST HIM TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADD.

MOTION MADE, SECONDED (Kates/Sanborn) AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO HIRE LEON YEATON, PLEASANT BAY MANAGEMENT AS CONSULTANT TO ADD.

MOTION MADE, SECONDED (Kates/Sanborn) AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO AUTHORIZE LEON YEATON TO CONTACT ATTORNEY GILBERT.

MOTION MADE, SECONDED (Kates/Sanborn) AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO PURSUE HAVING THE NEXT ADD MEETING IN ELLSWORTH JOINTLY WITH SOLID WASTE/RECYCLE PERSONNEL.

Chairman Smith stepped down as Chair and Mrs. Brawley assumed the Chair.

MOTION MADE, SECONDED (Smith/Kates) AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ASK HCPC TO EXPLORE DOING A NEWSLETTER FOR ADD.

Chairman Smith resumed the Chair.

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Sherry Churchill, HCPC, explained that HCPC already has a Solid Waste Digest newsletter and would gladly include ADD information. She hopes to re-establish the quarterly format so information for the January issued should reach her before the end of December. She noted that the newsletter is sent to Towns and their Solid Waste Committees. Others could be added.

Mr. Yeaton suggested the use of regular press releases to keep the communication going. He also reinforced the importance of consistent communication between ADD and the towns.

There was a general discussion on the benefits of banning old corrugated cardboard from the municipal waste stream.

Mr. Kates asked about uniform record keeping systems for town solid waste figures. Mr. Yeaton explained that he had created such a system a few years ago and some towns were using it. Mrs. Nolan offered to email Mount Desert's records to Mr. Kates.

The next meeting is tentatively set for 11:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 18, 2002 in Ellsworth. Notification will be sent.

For the next meeting ADD members are asked to review the 4 handouts from Mr. Yeaton and to be ready to establish a purpose.

5. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joelle D. Nolan
Recording Secretary