

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**February 19, 2004 at Somesville Fire House**

**PRESENT:** Ellen Brawley (clerk), Bob Kates (Trenton), Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management), Sherry Churchill (HCPC)

**VISITORS:** Frank Gray, Beth Gott, John Buchwalter (Tremont Solid Waste Committee), Lee Worcester, Damaris Smith (EMR), Laurie Schreiber (Bar Harbor Times), Sydney Roberts Rockefeller, Lyle Dever

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:33

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The draft minutes were amended to add the following to the end of the paragraph headed **Update from Local Committees:** "It was agreed that a cardboard ordinance should be implemented in all the member communities at the same time."

It was **moved, seconded and voted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 4<sup>th</sup> as amended. (Smith, Spiker, 3-0)

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Annual Meeting**

- a. Election of Officers. It was **moved, seconded and voted** (unanimous) that Tony Smith be elected Chairman, Elliott Spiker, Treasurer, and Ellen Brawley, Clerk.
- b. Discussion of Income and Expense Summary for ADD for year 2003: These figures are not yet available. A bank account has been set up. Up to now the town of Mount Desert has been paying ADD's bills and has been reimbursed by the other towns. The annual report will be available at the meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- c. Bonding of directors, officers and employees. This has not been done yet. Sherry will try to get representatives of MMA and J T Rosborough to present to us at the next meeting, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- d. Appointment of auditor. Not done yet. We want to get an auditor currently used by one of the member towns. Tony will look into this.
- e. Budget for 2004. Not done yet. We will clearly be having more expenses, especially if we look into the purchase of EMR. Lee Yeaton prepared a rough draft beginning of the preparation of a budget. All directors should study this and consider what should go into the budget for discussion at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- f. Assessment formula. Since the current formula is based on the "best available evidence of each municipality's proportionate share of MSW waste generated for the preceding year", it was agreed that we can continue to base our percentages on those coming from EMR.

## **Other Business**

- g.** Operational cost workup by Lee and Elliott. Lee provided a spreadsheet where he has roughly estimated some of the costs to operate the EMR facility, based on Pleasant River's budget. There are a number of areas where the information is missing. Tony will try to get Lee Worcester assistance in working up this budget.
- h.** Information for door-to-door direct to PERC. Lee Yeaton prepared a sheet of questions for each town to answer in preparation for getting cost estimates for contracting for door-to-door pickup with transportation by the hauler direct to PERC. Each director is requested to have this information available by the next meeting. Because of the larger packer trucks now available, this may be a cost effective option. Hauling of MSW direct to PERC could be combined with a transfer station that would handle all other types of waste. There was discussion of the controversy of pickup points on town roads for the trash from camp roads. Lyle Dever pointed out that Rural Development is offering loans at 4.5%.
- i.** Discussion of EMR/PERC billings. Leon Yeaton explained the monthly billings. Lee Worcester said that there are two separate bills from MRC, that's why there are two columns for MRC for each town. He will email a fuller explanation of the MRC payments. The PERC fees are paid in full, then a rebate comes back to the towns. Leon indicated that it is better when the town can credit the PERC check back into the solid waste account. Lee Worcester said that his accounting program is unable to provide a monthly tonnage figure for each town, so that each town has to add the weekly totals to provide a monthly total for the integrated record-keeping system.
- j.** Alternate disposal sites. Still being looked at are:
  - 1. Curbside direct to PERC
  - 2. EMR purchase
  - 3. Crooked Road site – Jim Cameron of Trenton will be meeting with Len Bobinchuk, checking to see if there is any form of access to the site.
  - 4. Ellsworth – The city now has a new manager appointed and coming very soon. He'll need a while to get his feet on the ground before we can deal with him. Meanwhile, however, the Pine Tree contract to operate their transfer station expires in 2005.Elliott reminded us that we will have to deal with permitting issues whether we buy EMR or develop our own transfer station.
- k.** Cranberry contract. Selectman Richard Beal indicated willingness to accept help. Sherry will be meeting with the selectmen, and will try to get a copy of the contract.
- l.** Recycling. There was discussion of the ADD's efforts to spearhead cardboard ordinance efforts. The committee explained that today's thrust in recycling is to point out to townspeople that it is cost effective to recycle. "Saving the earth" is no longer enough. Beth Gott said that Gott's will start advertising their recycling service, even though it is more costly for them to operate.
- m.** Meetings. It was agreed to move to two meetings per month while there is sufficient business to be done.

**n. Assignments per director**

Tony

Price out appraisal of EMR

Meet with Lee Worcester re operating costs

Meet with Elliott re Treasurer job

Letter to Cranberry

All directors

Get information for door-to-door pickup: miles, pickups etc.

Make sure uniform record keeping system is working in the town office

Consider budget figures.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be March 4, 2004 at 1:30 pm at the Somesville Fire House.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn at 3:04. (Kates, Sanborn, 4-0)

Respectfully submitted,  
Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk