

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2002

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (Mount Desert), Mike Chammings (Tremont), Lyle Dever (SWH), Bob Kates (Trenton), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management),

ABSENT: Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles)

VISITORS: Jef Fitzgerald (HCPC), Lee Worcester (EMR), Laurie Schreiber (press)

Call to Order: 1:20pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the January 28, 2002 and February 11, 2002 minutes approved as distributed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Bar Harbor withdrawal

Chip Reeves had emailed all committee members prior to the public announcement of Bar Harbor's withdrawal from the ADD. In addition, Dana Reeves sent letters to each town listing the reasons.

Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously that Lyle Dever will write a letter to Bar Harbor thanking them for all the support and time they have given to the formation of the District.

It was agreed that the ADD should go forward, that there continue to be advantages in working together.

B. Pine Tree Waste informal price quotes

Lee circulated informal price quotes from Pine Tree Waste. These quotes were very rough estimates of the cost to provide door to door pickup of MSW in each town. In the case of Trenton, the estimate for door to door service was lower than the price paid to EMR last year for transfer station service only. For Mount Desert, the estimate was considerably lower than the combination of town collection and EMR transfer station service. It was noted that these estimates did not include all the other disposal services our towns need, such as recycling, bulky, or demolition debris.

There was considerable discussion of putting out for bids on the entire solid waste disposal needs of our towns. The term of a contract would have to be longer for smaller contractors to be able to bid.

C. Other Business

1. The Ellsworth Regional Transfer Station committee has been formed, and will meet at 5 pm on March 7th. Leon said that our towns could probably get contracts with the City of Ellsworth for use of the transfer station until such time as the Regional facility should be a legal reality.

2. Lee Worcester said that he is delivering EMR proposals to each town, and will be asking to be put on the agenda for the next Selectmen's meeting. The proposal will be for a 5 year contract, including a guaranteed annual tonnage of 80% of each town's 2001 tonnage. This tonnage may be met by transfer waste, recycling and compost.

Leon Yeaton pointed out that one argument against guaranteed annual tonnages is that when towns implement a pay-as-you-throw system, MSW typically is reduced by 30-50%, and the recycled tonnage isn't always increased by the same amount.

The committee decided to prepare a bid request for all our solid waste disposal needs, with figures for the towns individually and as a group. Tony and Leon will work on this, and will circulate the results prior to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The committee went into executive session at 2:40 pm, and returned from executive session at 2:55 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:55

Next Meeting: March 11th, 2002 at 1 pm in Mount Desert, either at the Town Office or at the Somesville Fire House. The location will be specified in the agenda.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley