

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2002

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

ABSENT: Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles)

VISITORS: Sherry Churchill (HCPC)

Call to Order: 1:00pm at the Somesville Firehouse

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the February 25th minutes approved as distributed.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Ellsworth Regional Transfer Station Lee Yeaton and Tony Smith attended a meeting in Ellsworth discussing the idea of a regional transfer station. Both the Ellsworth Solid Waste Committee and the City Council voted unanimously to follow through. Mayor Greg Louder and Manager Tim King indicated that the city would be willing to make interim one or two year contracts with our towns, so that we need have no interruption in waste handling on expiration of the EMR contracts on June 30th. These short term contracts would enable both parties to see how it was working out.

The transfer station is currently leased to Pine Tree, the contract has about two years to go. Things will undoubtedly change on its expiration. One option is that Ellsworth might join the ADD, another is that they would form their own district.

Any arrangement with Ellsworth would include keeping our weights recorded separately from theirs, as we have more favorable tipping fees at PERC. There would be a \$2.00 per ton service fee for the use of the facility, and transportation to PERC would be at cost, probably in the vicinity of \$12.00 per ton.

There was considerable discussion of the implications of designating Ellsworth as our disposal site, the two main options being contracting for door-to-door pickup or residents taking their trash with them when they go to Ellsworth anyway.

No details had been worked out for services other than MSW disposal, but those services would be available. Such services would include bulky waste, recycling and demo debris.

Motion made, seconded and carried unanimously that Lee Yeaton and Tony Smith be authorized to meet further with Ellsworth for the purpose of getting more particulars.

B. EMR, Inc. Contract: EMR has been presenting contracts to individual towns. The rates he provided are more favorable than those he presented in earlier negotiations. It was agreed that we should get the other bids as quickly as possible, so that the towns can make an informed decision.

C. Advertisement for Bidding Solid Waste Services: HCPC has agreed to get the demographic information from all the towns for the bids. Lee Yeaton pointed out that we will get much better bids for door-to-door pickup if the towns require uniform containers.

David reminded us that Gott is already equipped to handle wood grinding and composting. Lee pointed out that Coastal Recycling handles recyclables at something under \$40 / ton.

After considerable discussion about the feasibility of weighing before and after pickup in each town, it was agreed that the contracts should include a prohibition of commingling of trash from different towns without permission from the towns.

The ADD will be soliciting bids on behalf of the towns, inviting vendors to bid for single towns and/or the entire district. A contract for the entire district might allow a vendor to make the necessary capital investment.

The bid spec must include that we can accept or reject any or all bids. This committee should review all the bids, pick our choice, and make our recommendations to the selectmen of the individual towns.

Tony and Lee will work on bid documents and Sherry will try to get the necessary statistics from each town prior to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:30

Next Meeting: Thursday March 21st, 2002 at 1 pm at the Somesville Firehouse

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley