

Approved 04-15-04

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 1, 2004 at Somesville Fire House**

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (clerk), Bob Kates (Trenton), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management, Shari Churchill (HCPC)

VISITORS: Damaris Smith and Lee Worcester (EMR),. Lyle Dever (SWH), Beth Gott and Frank Gray (Tremont SW Committee)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: It was moved, seconded and voted to approve the minutes of the March 18th meeting.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

2004 Budget: Lee, Elliott and Tony met to look at the 2004 budget and costs for 2003, particularly in the light of the possible addition of SWH to the district. Lee presented a spreadsheet, showing costs of \$3316.95 for start-up costs and projecting a budget of \$11,280 for 2004. The \$802.70 paid by Tremont as its share of the startup costs should be returned to the three original member towns.

Bob asked if we should include a line for education costs, in hopes of doing a trash fair or something in the fall. It was felt that we could get the funds for this from the existing budget. The number approved by the SWH selectmen for inclusion in the warrant was based on the \$11,280 figure, so it would be difficult to increase it.

There was discussion of whether we should bill the towns for the difference between the \$5000 we had proposed for the 2003 budget and the amount we actually spent. It was agreed not to do this.

MOTION: Moved and seconded (Smith, Spiker) that we accept the figure of \$11,280 for the 2004 budget. Approved 3-0.

Southwest Harbor: SWH will vote on joining the ADD at town meeting on May 3rd, 2004. What can we do to help? Tony, Lee and Elliott agreed to attend the meeting in the Pemetec School gymnasium. It starts with a question and answer period at 6 pm.

2003 Operating Budget Report: James Wadman of Ellsworth has agreed to be our auditor. He will get to our report after April 15th. We spent \$4118 in 2003 which was paid by Mount Desert. The other towns were billed and have paid their shares. From now on, we will pay the bills directly from the ADD checking account. There was discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of billing each town's share of the budget annually vs quarterly or monthly.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Kates, Spiker) that the treasurer make a recommendation at our next meeting on the frequency of billing. Approved 3-0.

How to handle startup costs for new members: We already have the money Tremont paid, and if Southwest joins they will provide an additional \$1224.67.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded (Kates, Spiker) that any returns to the towns be applied to the next year's bills.

EMR Confidentiality Agreement: A revised agreement has been sent to our lawyer. The requirement that directors sign personally has been removed. It also names Tony, Elliott and an unnamed financial person as the negotiators for ADD. Tony will bring it back to the board after the lawyer approves it.

Appraisal: Elliott, Lee and Tony (with the possible assistance of somebody from CES) will put together their own appraisal of the EMR facility. Their goal is a first approximation of evaluating the asking price. Bob suggested that we check with the town for updated valuations from the assessors.

Web Site: The ADD web site is up and running, and includes the Interlocal Agreement, the By-Laws and minutes. Other information and possible links will be added later. Thank you Elliott!

George McDonald of SPO: George will speak to us at our next meeting on 4/15. Please be sure to attend, and invite selectmen, solid waste committee members and interested citizens.

Cardboard: Lee has prepared a cardboard ordinance, which has been sent to the lawyer for comments on such matters as enforcement, and whether it must be enacted by the individual towns.

West Old Town Landfill: Tony has sent a letter to the DEP supporting the purchase and expansion of the landfill. It is important that individual towns also give their input. Increased costs over the next twelve years should this purchase not go through are at least:

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| Mount Desert | \$32,000 |
| Southwest Hbr | 41,000 |
| Tremont | 18,000 |
| Trenton | 20,000. |

For this kind of money, directors are encouraged to lean on the selectmen.

Insurance Quote: JT Rosborough told Sherry that their quote was only good for 30 days. (It was in the vicinity of four or five thousand.) Sherry was asked to request a new quote so we can compare it to MMA's quote.

ASSIGNMENTS PER DIRECTOR: Tony, Elliott and Lee will meet again in Addison.

NEXT MEETINGS: The next meeting will be April 15th, 2004 at 1:30 pm at the Somesville Fire House. George McDonald of the State Planning Office will join us.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk