

**DRAFT**

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the meeting of May 17, 2002**

**PRESENT:** Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles), Ellen Brawley (Mount Desert), Mike Chamblings (Tremont), Lyle Dever (Southwest Harbor), Chairman Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Sherry Churchill (HCPC), Lee Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management)

**Call to Order:** 10:00 am at the Somesville Firehouse

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the May 10, 2002 minutes were approved as distributed.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**A. Solid waste services bids – discussion**

Tremont voted at town meeting not to join the ADD. Their Board of Selectmen also voted to accept a 5 year contract with EMR for MSW and recycling, based on the figures EMR provided.

Lee Yeaton had met with Bill DeRoss of Pine Tree. Bill indicated that Pine Tree stands ready to work with any of the towns in fine tuning their bid(s) and will provide service for any changes in the process that each town would like. For example, they are willing to do recycling and other wastes.

It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and unanimously **CARRIED** that the award date for the solid waste bids will be set by the individual towns. This committee, as a subcommittee of the League of Towns, has no standing for awarding bids.

Lyle Dever said that the feeling at the Southwest Harbor town meeting was that they want to keep solid waste handling local. This is particularly important for demo and construction debris; there are a number of boat yards and construction companies in the town. He pointed out that the original goal of this committee was to keep things local if possible. However, he said, people want to take back some control over the process. They want the towns to be treated like customers, not vendors.

Beverly Sanborn said that their current contractor (they have two years yet to go on the contractor) would much prefer to keep hauling to EMR. Having to go further could jeopardize his ability to get his truck back onto the island the same day.

There was considerable discussion of the “access fee” included in the EMR bids. Lyle commented that it would seem to make more sense for the “access fee” to be some sort of a deposit. Mark Worcester of EMR said that this is a fixed fee, and in no way will be paid down by tonnage.

Mike Chammings said that it's important to factor the access fee along with the other fees with the anticipated tonnages to see what the actual per ton rates might be.

Worcester said that the per/ton rates quoted in the Gott proposal and for the town of Mt Desert are lower because trash would arrive at the transfer station in packer trucks. He had no explanation for why the rate sheets Lee Worcester has been presenting to the towns include a figure of \$38 per ton whereas the bid to ADD quoted \$36 per ton. All the EMR proposals and rate sheets include a clause indicating that the rates are subject to change if any town now using EMR doesn't continue to do so to the same extent.

Lyle Dever indicated that the Gott/EMR proposal looked like the best deal for Southwest Harbor, but that the town meeting had slashed the recycling budget.

It was agreed that there was no point in continuing these discussions until Southwest Harbor and Mount Desert decide what they want to do.

**B. Other Business**

It was **MOVED, SECONDED** and unanimously **CARRIED** to approve the payment by the League of towns to pay \$398.35 for advertising expenses.

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:42**

**Next Meeting: Friday June 7, 2002 at 10:00 am at the Somesville Firehouse**

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley