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**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 17, 2003
at Somesville Fire House**

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

VISITORS: George Urbanneck, Frank Gray, John Buckwalter and Elliott Spiker (Tremont Solid Waste Committee)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:37 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion: approved 4-0 to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2003 meeting as distributed.

WELCOME TREMONT: Tony welcomed Tremont to full membership, as they have now fulfilled all the requirements for membership.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Report from Lee Yeaton: Lee provided copies of each town's report on the combined data collection system, and the aggregate figures. Tremont is still missing some PERC figures and Mount Desert's recycle tonnage is still not in. It was agreed that as we move forward, these figures will give us some idea of which of our programs work and which do not.

Lee circulated a proposed folder to be given to Solid Waste Committee members in each town. Sherry suggested the addition of a few things, such as the Universal Waste brochure HCPC has put together, and a list of useful contacts. Bob wondered if the folder could include specific towns which have implemented each of the suggested programs. Sherry will help Tony provide a list of such towns.

Lee suggested that we should get a speaker or make a field trip at least 3 times a year. He suggested a visit to PERC, and speakers from MRC, MRRA and the state planning office. Sherry said she'd try to arrange a date for ADD members for a PERC tour and possibly a visit to Bangor Recycling.

Motion: (Kates, Sanborn) approved 4-0: That the ADD arrange a quarterly field trip or speaker.

There was considerable discussion of the importance of increasing the recycling rate. Towns with EMR contracts can't send their recyclables elsewhere, but increasing the tonnage would decrease the cost per ton.

Sherry said that HCPC will soon be able to provide a slide show showing recycling programs and processes.

Lee pointed out that it makes sense to start with small changes, in order to get the support of the Selectmen. He recommends starting with a cardboard ordinance. It was agreed that a sheet on cardboard recycling should go into the folder.

A recycling center needs to be manned, and needs a facility where materials can be easily loaded. A baler, needed in order to market materials directly (without paying a processing fee to Bangor Recycling, for example) is a major investment, costing from 15K to 45K used.

Organizational Status: The Cranberry Isles Interlocal agreement is in, and the letter appointing Bob Kates as director from Trenton. We still need an appointment letter from Cranberry Isles. Tony has opened a checking account for the District.

Status of EMR and Ellsworth: Ellsworth is still in limbo until a new city manager is hired. Tony has received no response from Lee Worcester of EMR.

Motion: (Kates, Harper) Accepted 4-0: That Tony should send a letter to Lee Worcester at EMR, asking for 1) a statement that he wants to sell to ADD, 2) a price, and 3) conditions of sale. If Tony receives no answer to these three questions within 14 days from the date of the letter, we will assume that Lee Worcester is not interested. The letter will be sent certified mail, return receipt requested.

Motion: (Sanborn, Kates) Accepted 4-0: All local solid waste committees shall be given the Solid Waste Committee folder prepared by Lee Yeaton.

Schedule of meetings: The regular meeting time will be changed to the third Thursday of the month at 1:30 to accommodate members of the press.

In addition, Tony and Lee will take the responsibility to be sure some kind of press release goes out each month.

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 pm, third Thursday in October (October 16, 2003) Somesville Fire House.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk