

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**August 5, 2004 at the Somesville Fire Station**

**PRESENT:** Bob Kates (Trenton), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Lyle Dever (Southwest Harbor), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management).

**ABSENT:** Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles).

**VISITORS:** Lee Worcester and Damaris Smith (EMR), Barry Pollard (Mount Desert), Liz Chapman (Bangor Daily News), Sherry Churchill (HCPC).

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:30 P.M.

**MINUTES: Motion:** To approve the minutes of July 8, 2004. Approved 4-0.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Status of Negotiations with EMR:** Tony hopes to meet with representatives of EMR on August 10, 2004 to discuss the EMR facility by ADD. Lyle stated that he had spoken with Tom Sawyer about assigning a value to a facility such as EMR. Mr. Sawyer told Lyle that a rule of thumb method is to multiply annual income before taxes and expenses by a 3.5 multiplier. There was some discussion as to whether or not this was applicable to EMR without arriving at a consensus.

**Status of Town Hill Transfer Station:** Tony and Elliot will be meeting with Terry Kelley of the Mount Desert Island and Ellsworth Housing Authorities on August 9, 2004 to discuss their interest in a joint use of the site – work force housing and solid waste.

**Door-to-door PERC collection option:** Tony was able to obtain maps from the DOT for the district towns. These should make it easier to present our requirements to a potential vendor. He has spoken with Pine Tree Waste and is in the process of arranging a meeting with them to discuss MSW door-to-door-PERC and how to address the remaining solid waste items. He has left messages for Beth Gott but has not received a return call.

A critical component of this option is how to address commercial accounts. It was generally accepted that all businesses in all of the Towns except for the Town of Mount Desert are required to pay for their own collection and disposal costs. Commercial accounts in the Town of Mount Desert are presently financed through the tax base for, generally, as many pickups as they request during the summer months. It was stated that taxpayers essentially subsidize the businesses in Mount Desert through their taxes.

**GAT:** Lee Yeaton stated that Greg Louder of MRC submitted a request on behalf of the ADD to increase our collective GAT with PERC by 500 tons. The directors thanked Mr. Louder in absentia for being pro-active on their behalf. When asked, Lee Yeaton stated that PERC would distribute the 500 tons throughout the individual GAT's of the ADD member towns.

**Motion (Lyle Dever-Elliott Spiker):** For the EMR Group of Towns to increase their GAT with PERC by 500 tons per year. Passed 4-0.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elliott circulated a printed Treasurer's report, saying that revenues and expenses seem to be on track.

**Assignments Per Director:** Lee Yeaton will provide the directors with a summary of our assignments discussed during the meeting. These assignments will address issues raised in his report to the meeting.

**Sherry Churchill:** Sherry gave us an update on the household hazardous waste and pesticide collection days being sponsored by Ellsworth on August 21, 2004 and the League of Towns on October 2, 2004. She stated that anyone willing to volunteer to assist with traffic control and general labor for the League of Towns collection day in Somesville would be welcome. Sherry also stated that she was meeting with the Ellsworth city manager this month. She said she would bring up the topic of ADD.

**Workshop:** A workshop was scheduled for 1:30 P.M., Thursday, August 19, 2004 at the Somesville Fire Station.

**NEXT MEETING:** 1:30 P.M., Thursday, September 2, 2004 at the Somesville Fire Station.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 2:16 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Smith, Chairman