

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 9, 2004 at the Somesville Fire Station

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (clerk), Lyle Dever (SWH), Bob Kates(Trenton), Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management)

VISITORS: Sarah Hinckley (Islander), Lee Worcester and Damaris Smith (EMR)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30

MOTION: (Dever, Spiker) to approve the minutes of August 5th, 2004. Approved 5-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

What can we afford: Elliott and Lee Yeaton have worked up a first cut of a spreadsheet on operating expenses for the EMR facility. The expense figures are only a best guess, particularly wages, health care costs, demo/bulky disposal and transportation costs. The figure for outside income was a conservative estimate. The amortization costs were based on a \$2.6 million loan for 20 years at 4.5%. No allowance was made for capital expenses, taxes or contingencies. There was discussion of whether we would be tax exempt, Lyle felt that since Cranberry Isles pays taxes for their property in SWH, we would probably have to as well.

Lee Worcester would like us to agree that if we can afford to run EMR we will definitely purchase it. The directors were reluctant to make that commitment. He told us that gross sales are about \$1.5 million, of which about \$520,000 comes from contracts with the ADD towns. EMR does have employee health coverage, a 60/40 plan, and he will provide the costs for that. He said that most of the outside income comes from demo and bulky waste, the remainder from MSW from the park etc.

Elliott said that the figures EMR has provided seem to imply that we are purchasing the business as well as the facility. Lee agreed that that was the intent of his \$5.2 million proposal.

MOTION: (Kates, Dever) That we conduct a workshop on September 16th. Approved 5-0.

Status of Town Hill Transfer Station: Lee Yeaton reviewed his paper on the difficulties of the Town Hill site, including the difficulties of persuading Bar Harbor to go along, and the time and expense of permitting and developing the site. Tony said that the piece of property that had looked like a possible access route is occupied by the L. E. Norwood company offices.

MOTION: (Dever, Kates) That we not pursue the Town Hill option at this time. Approved 5-0.

Door-to-door PERC collection option: Bob met with the Trenton Solid Waste Committee and the selectmen. They were interested in including commercial pickups as part of a door-to-door service, but didn't want to include more than one pickup as a requirement for a bid. They'll have the answer on how many private roads they wish to cover before next week.

Trenton is also expecting a cardboard ordinance from us. After discussion it was agreed that we probably don't need an ordinance, but need to educate the public, hold a hearing etc. prior to implementing a policy that cardboard will no longer be accepted.

MOTION: (Kates, Smith) That we prepare a proposed cardboard regulation to go into effect January 1st 2005, and that prior to that we engage in an effort to get public feedback and inform those who would be affected by it. Approved 5-0.

Bob said they Trenton is interested in implementing a pay as you throw (PAYT) system at the same time as a door-to-door pickup service. When Bob mentioned the Palesky tax cap, their reaction was that a lot more than trash will have to be dealt with if the cap passes. Bob said "you have to start somewhere!"

Tony will draft a letter to the selectmen suggesting that PAYT can take the trash costs off the tax burden.

MRC Report: Lee summarized his MRC report: GAT trading is complete, and they'll be able to accommodate people's needs. The PERC sale has gone through, and MRC is happy with the buyer. Out of state trash coming in to PERC at a reduced rate has become an issue. Lee explained that it's to our benefit to keep this trash coming in, as it enables the plant to operate in the winter at an efficient capacity. If this trash were barred, our rates might go up by \$30 per ton.

Treasurer's Report: Elliott reported no checks written, and that all the towns have now paid. Leon suggested that we need to schedule time to work on the budget for next year, so we can present it to the towns.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:25.
Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk.