

Approved 10-20-2005

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 15, 2005 at the Somesville Fire Station

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

EXCUSED: Lyle Dever (SWH)

ABSENT: Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles), .

VISITORS: Damaris Smith (EMR), Sherry Churchill (HCPC), Beth Gott (Gott's Disposal)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:45

MOTION: To approve the minutes of July 21st, 2005. Approved 3-0.

Treasurer's Report: Elliott provided a Treasurer's Report, showing that all towns have paid their share. We have a balance of about \$14,000 because we haven't done the technical work we budgeted for. If funds are left over at the end of the year, they can be rolled into next year.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Door-to-Door: Tony said that if we pursue the door-to-door to PERC option, we should send out an RFP in late 2006 or early 2007. It was agreed that before we can do that, there is a great deal of work to be done. One suggestion was a workshop with potential bidders to work out the details of an RFP.

Possible Transfer Station in Trenton: Tony said that Cheryl Harper feels that some of the resource protection zone property was so identified because it was in tree growth. Lee added that when she bought the property it was already zoned RP. Cheryl is also thinking about buying another property in Trenton about which she could talk to us. Beth Gott said that one of her drivers, Tom Connery, has a wood lot in Trenton and would like to talk to us about a possible transfer station. Tony will call him. Lee found that the Trenton Industrial Park has no space left suitable for us.

MMA Accident Insurance: We have purchased insurance for volunteers through MMA.

HHW/UW: Sherry Churchill distributed press releases and flyers about the October 1st household hazardous waste/ universal waste collection to be held at MDI High School. She thanked EMR and Gott's Disposal for all their help. Residents should register with their towns. She asked all directors to find volunteers to work at the collection, rain or shine. A new organization will be working with us this year, Environmental Projects, Inc.

Environ, our universal waste collector, has just merged with Uniwaste of New Hampshire. As a result, they will be removing the drop-off center for universal waste to which we have had access. This makes town-sponsored universal waste collections even more important.

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Other HCPC: Sherry said that Lamoine is looking for alternatives to bring down their waste disposal costs. Lee indicated that they won't be interested in joining with us as long as our costs are higher than theirs.

The Ellsworth City Council decided to take over the management of their transfer station as of October 1st.

Leon Yeaton: Lee urged that we put out a press release showing the success of the OCC program.

There was a discussion of whether MRC should continue to buy into PERC, of which they now own about 25%. PERC's contract with Bangor Hydro runs out in 2018. This contract sells electricity at 13 cents/kwh, while the market price is now about 6 cents. If PERC has to sell at market price in 2018, tipping fees may increase substantially. There is also some political movement toward going back to landfills. Bob said that Casella is tapping the methane from its landfills to heat greenhouses. Lee thinks the risk is too great for MRC to keep purchasing, Tony felt that MRC should continue to increase its position in order to keep maximal public ownership.

Elliott pointed out that some of the pro-landfill pressure is due to the bad operation of MERC. He said PERC should increase their PR in support of their clean operations.

MOTION: (Kates, Spiker) That we keep the matter of MRC continuing to buy into PERC under consideration, but encourage Lee Yeaton in his caution. Carried 3-0.

Lee said that the directors should bring this issue to the town managers, to make sure the selectmen are aware of the question.

MOTION: (Spiker, Kates) That ADD write a letter to Lee Yeaton as our MRC director, recommending that PERC do a better job of publicizing their clean emissions, as a way of distancing themselves from other facilities.

EMR Contracts with Member Towns: There was discussion about the form contracts on behalf of the towns should take. It was agreed that, based on our Interlocal Agreement and By-Laws, we should be doing the negotiating.

Bob made a motion (which wasn't acted on) that we inform all the towns that based on our Interlocal Agreement and By-Laws we assume that we will be negotiating on their behalf.

Ongoing Agenda Item: The mechanics of how trash disposal contracts with ADD will work.

Legal Advice: Tony will write to Eaton Peabody about the specifics of our contracting and borrowing powers.

MRRA Meeting: Sherry said that the MRRA annual meeting will be October 26th in Belfast, with interesting classes on safety, recycling reports etc.

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ASSIGNMENTS:

All Directors: Find volunteers for the HHW/UW collection 10/1.

Elliott and Tony: Meet prior to meetings.

Tony: Contact Tim Connery re woodlot in Trenton.

Tony: Contact Eaton Peabody re contracts.

All Directors: Check with the town offices about the ongoing information program.

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 pm, October 20th at the Somesville Fire House.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:45

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk