

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 7, 2004 at the Somesville Fire Station

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

ABSENT: Lyle Dever (SWH), Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles)

VISITORS: Sarah Hinckley (Islander), Liz Chapman (BDN), Rain Worcester and Damaris Smith (EMR), John Buchwalter (Tremont)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:31

MOTION: (Smith, Spiker) to approve the minutes of September 9, 2004. Approved 3-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Cardboard: Lee presented a draft policy statement and implementation details. After a **MOTION:** (Kates, Smith) to accept the policy, a number of amendments were proposed. **MOTION:** to amend the motion merging the two documents, and separating the implementation details from the policy itself, which will read “Beginning on the effective date of this policy, January 3, 2005, corrugated cardboard will no longer be allowed in the solid waste stream. It will be accepted as a recycle item.” carried 3-0. The amended motion carried 3-0.

Tony and Lee will rework the statement and circulate it to the directors. They will also send a letter to each town, dated today, informing them of the policy.

Critical Door-to-Door Information: Each director **must** get his town’s pickup information to Lee Yeaton, including total miles, total stops and the number of business stops. Lee will email everyone a template for this information.

Legal Status: Tony read the line in the interlocal agreement which specifically states the power of the ADD “to enact and enforce any and all necessary and desirable rules and regulations for the orderly conduct of the activities of the District and for the carrying out of purposes in the District”. This clearly includes establishing a corrugated cardboard policy.

City of Ellsworth: We have a meeting scheduled with Ellsworth City Manager Stephen Gunty, and Sherry Churchill (HCPC) on October 26th at 10:00 am in the Kelley Room at Ellsworth City Hall. Lee suggested that we should take along the Interlocal agreement and the by-laws. **MOTION:** (Kates, Spiker) That we use the occasion of the October 26th meeting to invite the City of Ellsworth to join the ADD, and also to express ADD’s interest in the potential acquisition or use of their transfer station. Carried 3-0.

Pay-As-You-Throw: Elliott and Lee had each prepared a draft memo to the member towns on PAYT as a possible budget cutting measure should the Palesky tax cap pass. There was considerable discussion, centering primarily on the desirability of PAYT in the long run, even if

the Palesky referendum fails to pass, and the importance of acting on this issue within the next few days. If the Palesky amendment passes, it goes into effect on 7/1/2005.

MOTION: (Kates, Spiker) to authorize Tony Smith to work with the directors and Lee Yeaton to put together and issue a letter and a press release in the next few days. Carried 3-0.

Lee Yeaton Report: Lee reminded us that the actions we are now working on are very time sensitive. He also summarized his MRC report: The West Old Town expansion decision is being challenged. Out of state trash coming in to PERC at a reduced rate continues to be an issue. Lee explained again 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 that we have spent \$5900 of our \$11,280 budget. We haven't spent as much as expected on consulting or technical services. We should investigate whether leftover funds can be carried over to next year. Elliott will contact the accountant and/or the lawyers on this.

MOTION: (Smith, Kates) To accept the treasurer's report. Carried 3-0.

EMR: We are waiting for a document from them stating their requirements from us before they will provide further information. The big wildcards are the value of 28 acres on MDI and the unknown potential earnings.

Assignments Per Director:

All: door-to-door information to Lee Yeaton
Tony: Cardboard Policy (with Lee Yeaton)
Tony: PAYT (with Lee and directors)
Elliott: carryover of funds

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:45.
Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk.