

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

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (clerk), Lyle Dever (SWH), Bob Kates (Trenton), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Tony Smith (Mount Desert)

ABSENT: Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles)

VISITORS: Beth Gott, Damaris Smith and Lee Worcester

CALL TO ORDER: 1:35

MOTION: (Smith, Spiker) to approve the minutes of October 7th, 2004, and to approve Secretary Brawley's notes from the November 4th meeting so they become an official record of the informal workshop. Carried 4-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Treasurer's Report: Elliott presented the Treasurer's report. We have spent \$6850 of our budget, but there is an MMA bill outstanding. He proposes that we carry over any extra funds to next year's budget. Lyle asked why we are paying a fee on the checking account. Elliott will look into that.

Tony presented the proposed budget. It includes MMA dues and insurance for the entire year, and an estimated cost for legal expenses based on 30 hours at an estimated 30 hours at \$180 per hour. Lyle said that the SWH town attorney, Chad Smith, charges only \$105 per hour. Lee Worcester said that Chad is also his attorney, which would present a conflict. Tony pointed out that we had already agreed to use Eaton Peabody.

MOTION: (Dever, Kates) To accept the budget as presented. Carried 4-0.

Legal Requirements: Our bylaws require that we present this budget to the towns and hold a public hearing. Elliott will attend the next League of Towns meeting and present the budget to them. Tony will send the budget to the towns. Bob suggested we piggyback the public hearing on the Trenton OCC meeting scheduled for 12/21. Ellen said there is a Mt Desert warrant committee meeting scheduled for that evening.

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.

OCC public hearing: There was very light turnout (3 members of the public, 3 members of the press, representatives of Gott's and EMR). Liz Chapman wrote a good article in this morning's BDN.

Universal Waste: Lee Worcester made a presentation about a monthly universal waste collection to be carried on at EMR by Environ. It would cost \$75 per hour in fees, plus the fees

for disposal of the individual items, for an estimated total of \$800 per day, or \$10,000 per year. We are required by law to provide for the collection of fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and mercury switches as of January 2005, and CRTs in 2006. It was clear from discussion that the board feels a monthly collection is too often. Could we perhaps join a universal waste collection with the HHW collection put together by the League of Towns? It was felt that once a year collection would meet the legal requirement, but that probably two or three times a year might be better. There was discussion of whether the fees should be paid by the individuals or picked up by the towns. Perhaps towns should pay for the little things, leaving fees for CRTs and large items to the individual. It was agreed that ADD should not pick up any costs, that EMR and/or Environ should bill the towns directly.

If residents ask us what we are doing about universal waste, we should respond that something is in the works.

Lee Worcester asked us if we would object to commingling the OCC from different towns. This would greatly facilitate cardboard pickup for the haulers. He would credit the towns in the same ratio as their MSW tonnage. When the board appeared to support this idea, he asked if he could do the same for other recyclables. This met with some resistance, lacking hard data on actual recycling percentages. Lee will put together a suggestion in a letter. It was agreed that the individual towns have to agree to any commingling, as their contracts specifically prohibit it.

MOTION: (Kates, Dever) That ADD has no objection to commingling of cardboard when the cardboard policy goes into effect on January 3rd, 2005.

Eaton Peabody: Tony has received a letter explaining the effects of the Freedom of Access Law (FOAL) and executive sessions. With this in mind, a workshop is scheduled at the Mount Desert Town Office for December 16th at 1:30 to discuss the terms of the EMR letter and the EMR purchase.

Bob suggested that since Trenton is very much under the gun, we put an executive session to discuss the EMR purchase on the agenda of each meeting. If it is not needed, it can be skipped. EMR is presenting Trenton a proposal for a two-year extension of their contract so that all the ADD town contracts will expire at the same time. Bob doesn't know whether Trenton will accept the extension.

Door-to-Door Pickup: All information Leon Yeaton has asked for has been submitted.

City of Ellsworth: Sherry Churchill is meeting with the city manager and the Solid Waste Committee on the evening of 12/9. The subject of ADD will be discussed. Tony will try to get an estimate of the costs to Ellsworth of joining ADD before the meeting. Lyle pointed out that Ellsworth is not a charter member of PERC, and that we should be sure that we don't lose our favorable status if they join.

Legal Status: The state planning office agrees that we are legally okay.

MRC: Lee has given MRC our names and addresses so we should all get the MRC information when it comes out. Each director should ask his town if they want to delegate the voting for MRC directors to us.

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.

PAYT: Lee Yeaton has requested a proposal from Professor Crine, and is waiting to hear back. He might do a study on whether PAYT would be cost effective for towns such as ours with a heavy summer population paying a large proportion of the taxes.

Tony has received a form we should have filled out for an increase in our GAT.

MOTION: (Dever, Spiker) that Tony be authorized to sign the GAT trading request. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: (Dever, Spiker) that Tony be authorized to sign and return the retainer letter to Eaton Peabody.

Public Budget Hearing: December 22, 2004 at 1:30 at Somesville Fire House.

NEXT MEETING: Immediately after the public hearing, December 22, 2004, Somesville.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk.