

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 22, 2004 at the Somesville Fire Station

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

ABSENT: (excused) Elliott Spiker (Tremont)

VISITORS: Lee Worcester, Sherry Churchill

CALL TO ORDER: 1:54

MOTION: (Smith, Kates) to approve the minutes of December 9th, 2004, amended to state that the motion authorizing Tony to sign and return the retainer letter to Eaton Peabody carried, 4-0. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION: (Dever, Sanborn) that we rescind the December 9th vote approving the proposed budget. Carried 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING: Chairman Smith called to order the public hearing on the proposed budget. There were no comments.

MOTION: (Sanborn, Dever) that the Public Hearing be closed. Carried 4-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Tony told us that each town must see the proposed budget before we accept it.

Tremont, Mount Desert and Cranberry Isles have not yet approved authorizing ADD to cast the town's vote on MRC matters.

Treasurer's Report: Elliott told Tony that there is nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Legal Requirements: Our bylaws state that our annual meeting must be the first regular meeting in February. Tony will see that we have our audit by then.

Summary of 12/16 Workshop: Elliott, Tony and Lee Worcester had a productive meeting. They will be setting dates and starting to meet in earnest. Eaton Peabody says that all mail between ADD and EMR should go through them.

Consultant Report: Lee Yeaton pointed out the information on universal waste distributed in the SPO newsletter. The legal requirement is that we provide a way for people to get rid of the items banned in the waste stream. Lee Worcester said that when people ask him, he will tell them to hold onto stuff and wait for further information. Sherry said that the SPO has funds available to support universal waste collections in conjunction with HHW collections. Bob asked how much our towns should budget for universal waste collection this year.

MOTION: (Dever, Kates) That we piggyback a universal waste collection on the Household Hazardous Waste collection being set up by the League of Towns. Carried 4-0.

Tony will go to the League and will discuss the issue with them, including pointing out that they have delegated responsibility for such matters to ADD.

MOTION: (Kates, Smith) That we request Sherry Churchill to put together an estimate of what each of the ADD towns should budget for HHW and Universal Waste, and to draft a letter to the towns on the legal requirements for Universal Waste and the proposed solution, including a likely collection date of 10/1/2005. Carried 4-0.

One item to be discussed with the League is how the towns should pay. ADD feels that the towns must at the minimum pay for the overhead costs, even if householders are asked to pay the per-item disposal cost.

Door to Door: Lee is still missing information from Mount Desert and Tremont. It was felt that we should probably exclude Cranberry Isles from a door-to-door bid. It was agreed that we want to provide for the full range of waste. We could either require bidders to provide for disposal of all types, or should line up alternative solutions for non-MSW waste. We should talk to EMR and also to Ellsworth about non-MSW disposal. Lee Yeaton was asked to lay out the various options prior to the next meeting. It was agreed that the requirement for an MSW bidder would be to take the MSW to PERC by any legal means.

Assignments per Director:

Tony Smith: get Mount Desert's door to door info to Lee Y.

Contact the League to discuss HHW and Universal Waste and the role of ADD

Report on status of Ellsworth Option. (see below)

Lee Yeaton: Lay out options for non-MSW disposal.

Sherry Churchill: Estimated Universal Waste costs and draft letter to towns.

Other Business:

There was discussion of how to handle non-ADD League members. We should work out a deal to allow Lamoine to join in the HHW and Universal Waste process at no cost to ADD. Tony can also use his League contact to try to persuade Bar Harbor and the park to join ADD.

Lee Yeaton suggested that after the cardboard program is rolling, perhaps we should take on composting. Sherry said she is already working on a pilot program with Bar Harbor.

Sherry reported on her meeting with the Ellsworth Solid Waste committee. They want to decide by March whether to extend the contract with Pine Tree, to put the management of the transfer station out for another bid, or take some other option. Bob said that we have to give them concrete options during this brief window of opportunity. We could offer to manage the transfer station for them, or to buy it. Tony asked that he be included in any discussions which might cover ADD.

MOTION: (Kates, Smith) That Tony report back on the status of the Ellsworth option, and the ability for us to keep that option open while we consider the two other major options. Motion carried 4-0.

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 pm, January 20th, 2005 at the Somesville Fire House. Note that this is a return to our regular 3rd Thursday date.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:15.

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk.