

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 27, 2023

Middlefield Community Center

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Chairman DelVecchio.

**Members present:** Dom DelVecchio, Ron Capozzi, Steven Koerber, Frank Petrella, Brendan O'Connell, Glenn McNamara and Charlie Zieminski.

**Members absent:** Howard Weissberg

**Staff present:** None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Site Manager's Report**

Bob Matuskiewicz was not present at the meeting, but had reported that stickers started being sold at the end of last week and 500 have been sold to date.

Dom DelVecchio reviewed that they had decided to appoint one of the long-term drivers as a lead driver, but during that discussion, the driver indicated that he wanted 30 hours per week and DMIAAB was not in a position to do that without losing one of the other drivers. Another opportunity became available at Durham Public Works and he has now left DMIAAB. Mr. DelVecchio encouraged the board members to refer anyone interested to reach out to Bob Matuskiewicz or him.

Dom DelVecchio also reported that they currently pay Quantum \$55/ton for food waste, but as of July 1, 2023, if the food waste is contaminated with other debris the charge will be \$180/ton. He does not feel DMIAAB will have any issues with that.

**Meeting Venue**

Ron Capozzi explained that they used to switch meeting places back and forth between Durham and Middlefield, but have found themselves meeting in Middlefield for quite a while. He finds the echo in the meeting room to be a bit much and you can hear people from the next room. Mr. Capozzi added that the air conditioning in the third floor of the Durham Town Hall is better and there is an elevator in the building. That room also has Zoom capability and plenty of space.

Mr. Capozzi recommended that they meet there for the next meeting. The Assistant Town Clerk has reserved the room for the last Thursday of the month for the rest of the year.

Dom DelVecchio noted that they have usually rotated every six months, but Durham had a much stricter policy during COVID so it was easier to meet in Middlefield. It was agreed to meet in Durham for the next five months, then move back to Middlefield in January for six months. Everyone was in agreement.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Composting Units (Update)**

Brendan O'Connell reported that Sue Michael had reached out to him about selling the composting units at the Durham Farm Market, but he didn't believe she was available at every market. Ron Capozzi volunteered to ask her for an update at the meeting next week. Mr. Capozzi asked if all of the units have been sold and if the market was saturated. Mr. O'Connell felt that they had. Mr. Capozzi then asked if that can be extended to get composters that tumble which may help overcome that saturation point. Mr. DelVecchio felt that someone should put an educational update in the Town Times about the composting program. Mr. O'Connell added that they just purchased \$2,000 worth of the composting units.

### **Composting Program Discussion**

Dom DelVecchio again reviewed the Quantum price increase for contaminated food waste. He added that there are also composting bags available at the site.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Koerber asked if the grapple bucket was ordered and Dom DelVecchio explained that it has been ordered but will take 20 weeks to come in.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Charlie Zieminski made a motion, seconded by Frank Petrella, to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2023 regular meeting, as presented. Motion passed.*

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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