

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 25, 2022

Middlefield Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman DelVecchio.

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

Members absent: James Malcolm

Staff Present: None.

Frank Petrella made a motion, seconded by Howard Weissberg, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Site Manager's Report

Bob Matuskiewicz was not present at tonight's meeting.

Dom DelVecchio did report that he is finalizing last year's budget and has all of the data. He will have a report at the next meeting, but feels that they will come in very close to budget. He added that the last three to four years, they averaged about 2,700 tons of MSW and this year it came in at 2,504. The only reason he can think of is that people may have decided to have their trash picked up when DMIAAB went to a \$50 sticker fee. It could also be better enforcement of the commercial users. Everyone was generally happy with the increased enforcement. Composting accounts for only about 12 tons annually.

OLD BUSINESS

Composting Units (Update)

Brendan O'Connell reported that he and Bob Matuskiewicz talked about the sign and it has been ordered. Mr. O'Connell's phone number will be on the sign as the contact.

Composting Program Discussion

Dom DelVecchio reported that they are hauling directly to Southington and it has been averaging around \$15 a week for a tip fee. Howard Weissberg reported that West Haven just approved co-collection a few days ago and Meriden got another grant to continue the program. He feels that this will help Quantum as more towns are starting to do it. Most of the current capacity used at

Quantum is from out of state, with most coming from manufacturers' overage. Mr. O'Connell added that they need to get the schools to participate, but it is difficult to get the kids to want to do it. Howard Weissberg added that 30 percent of solid waste is food and doesn't burn well.

Howard Weissberg stated that he had done quite a bit of research on this for Carol Bufithis and Laura Francis, but they decided to go with this program.

Ron Capozzi had asked that the transfer station weigh what comes in from Durham and Middlefield and Dom DelVecchio explained that this is for their information only and the towns will not be charged. Mr. Capozzi stated that, according to the charter, they are allowed to bill the towns separately from the citizens for work done which can include MSW and brush. He also asked about brush grinding that was done at the fairgrounds a couple of years ago and Mr. DelVecchio explained that they were reimbursed for that. That money was actually used to purchase the new loader. There is no line item in either town's budget for waste disposal. Right now, DMIAAB is tracking each town and the school district as well. It was also agreed that Middlefield does more to help DMIAAB than Durham does. Mr. Capozzi would like to see payment-in-kind for recognition of what they do because there should be a balance.

Charlie Zieminski felt that it might be important that the Boards of Finance have a line item for something like this in case there is a lot of storm debris. Dom DelVecchio stated that each town does have a line item for brush, but not for MSW or demolition. That is being weighed, but has never been billed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charlie Zieminski made a motion, seconded by Frank Petrella, to approve the minutes of July 28, 2022, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Ron Capozzi asked Howard Weissberg if he could make use of the \$20,000 for a license plate recognition system and Mr. Weissberg explained that nobody at DEEP has really been in favor of it. The Board of Finance felt that that would be an intrusion on the privacy of the residents.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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