

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 19, 2010

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairman Dom DelVecchio at the Durham Public Library.

Roll Call: Members Present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DelVecchio, Chris Flanagan Jim Gibbons, Katie Hughes and Frank Petrella. Members Absent: Bob Czarnecki and Al Raczka. Staff: Site Manager Bob Matuskiewicz and Recording Secretary Trish Dynia.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Ron Capozzi, seconded by Katie Hughes, to approve the agenda as published. The motion passed unanimously.*

Site Manager's Report: Bob Matuskiewicz had the following to report:

The tub grinder has a new control valve and a new source has been found for purchasing new screens at a significant cost savings.

The brush pile has been cleaned up, site sweeping is done and the water separator has been installed.

The Labor Day schedule will be posted on the website and in the Town Times.

Bob noted that in past years the transfer station has been closed on Saturday of Durham Fair weekend and asked if hours should be limited/eliminated on Thursday due to the early opening of the fair. After a brief discussion the Board determined that the transfer station should remain open on Thursday and the policy will be reviewed next year if this does not work out well.

Bob received a request from the Boy Scouts to bring a trailer on site to handle the overflow of bottles and cans until the Board determines if there will be room for a permanent container. After a brief discussion and assurances from Bob that the trailer should not be a problem because it is moveable, the Board agreed to allow the trailer on a temporary basis.

Bob noted that he has been tracking brush deliveries from commercial trucks in order to determine if a fee should be charged. The transfer station is spending an average of eight hours per week grinding and they are having trouble keeping up with it. The Board requested that he also track personnel hour expense in grinding and Bob is also looking into what other towns are charging commercial trucks.

The Board briefly discussed whether or not commercial dumping has become a problem (i.e. Local residents bringing in trash from out of town businesses). Bob will monitor this issue but does not feel it is significant issue.

Old Business

Discussion of Expansion of Plastic Recycling and the Design of a Recycling Brochure for Items Recycled at the Transfer Station – Notice to Public: Dom noted that Katie Hughes has done a wonderful job designing the brochure and distribution should wait until after October 1st. The DEP list of certified vendors for

electronic recycling is schedule to be out on October 1st. Once the Board has chosen a vendor, that information can be included in the brochure.

Home Compacting Units: Chris Flanagan will arrange to have a company come to the September meeting to do a presentation on the benefits of purchasing home compacting units and various ways the purchase can be subsidized and save the towns money over a one to two year period.

Discussion of Covanta Energy Practices Regarding MSW Disposal: Dom noted that Covanta has been fined for Dioxin emissions and this issue will be monitored. He further noted that First Selectmen Laura Francis and Jon Brayshaw, and Town Planner Geoff Colegrove have been attending CRRA informational meetings regarding future contract extensions with CRRA. There are problems with becoming what is called a "Tier One" member of this consortium because the transfer station could potentially lose approximately \$55,000 annually in payments for recycled bottles, cans and paper but negotiations are still in progress and that may change.

Other Business

Discussion of Mattress Disposal: Disposal costs have become a problem. Chris Flanagan and Jim Gibbons will attend a meeting in Middletown on September 1st. Representatives from several area towns will be there to discuss the possibility of asking the state legislature to start a program that mimics the Electronic Recycling program.

Reflective Signs for Recycling Area: Frank Petrella requested that signs be put up soon to help transfer station users sort their recyclables. After a brief discussion it was determined that Bob will make signs for the plastics area to let residents know that plastics #1-7 are now accepted.

BOS Recycling Schedule: Tom from BOS requested that his recycling schedule be expanded. Currently he is allowed to drop off recyclables every other week on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Chairman DelVecchio noted that he was not aware of this limitation. Bob Matuskiewicz stated that he did not know the reason for the limitation. It was simply in place when he became the site manager. After a brief discussion it was determined that allowing BOS to make recyclable deliveries each week should not be a burden on the facility.

A motion was made by Ron Capozzi, seconded by Chris Flanagan, that beginning on August 20, 2010, the transfer station will accept weekly recyclable trips from BOS. Policy to be reviewed after ninety days. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Chris Flanagan, seconded by Jim Gibbons, to approve the June 24, 2010 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.*

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Frank Petrella, seconded by Chris Flanagan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Dynia

Recording Secretary

cc: Durham Town Clerk, Middlefield Town Clerk, Board Members