

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 27, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Dom DelVecchio at the Middlefield Community Center.

Roll call: Members present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DelVecchio, Chris Flanagan, Jim Gibbons, Frank Petrella, and Howard Weissberg. **Staff Present:** Site Manager Bob Matuskiewicz. **Public present:** Bob Bascom, Tom McNamara

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Chris Flanagan and seconded by Frank Petrella to approve the agenda as is. The motion passed unanimously.*

SITE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Patch repair is planned. Areas for repair are marked out.
- Brush pickup underway in Durham. Middlefield brush pickup planned for next week.
- Cans undergoing repairs
- Discussion on maximum allowable gross vehicle weights. 67,400 pounds if the wheelbase is less than 28 feet. 73,000 pounds if the wheelbase is 28 feet or more. Further investigation needed on this.

Discussion on Private Hauler Recycling Transportation Fees

Chairman Delvecchio began the discussion by explaining that recycling transportation fees are significant compared to MSW per ton. This is due to the low density of recycled materials as presently collected and shipped. Chairman Delvecchio recommended a tipping fee of \$200 per can stated that adding transportation fees to the recycling brought in by private haulers could generate \$12,000 in revenue annually. Mr. Weissberg disagreed, indicating that people would elect to either not recycle or would bring in their recyclables directly to the transfer station, which has no tipping fee for drop in customers. Mr. Capozzi asked whether this would impact our recycling rate and the State's position on us taking measures that would impact this. Howard Weissberg stated that numbers were needed before the Board could make an informed decision on this, and that any actions we take need to be related to our goals and objectives as a board. This proposal did not appear to fit in. Chairman Delvecchio said that he was just getting information out for discussion.

The discussion moved to composting, as a means of reducing MSW tonnages. Chris Flanagan will look into facility composting and also home composting that was done a few years back.

July17-June18 Budget Proposal

The board discussed the budget proposal briefly.

A motion was made by Ron Capozzi and seconded by Chris Flanagan to accept the budget as proposed for presentation to the Towns.

MIRA Contract/Options

Chairman Delvecchio began the discussion by explaining that past selectmen favored the short term options. Tier 1 was selected in the past as there was a short term with no guaranteed minimum tonnages. Previously, DMIAAB was free to shop for recyclables elsewhere. It is anticipated that MIRA will require a \$16/ton tipping fee on recyclables if they are not part of the new agreement. Howard Weissberg raised the issue of transportation costs per mile as Willimantic is significantly further than MIRA. He also questioned whether DMIAAB will want to play the recyclable market for the length of the next contract. The Board will vote on the recommendation at the next meeting.

Other Items

- Chairman Delvecchio reminded all members to verify when their seats are up for appointment and take actions accordingly.
- Ron Capozzi recommended that we begin the process to approve the bylaws at the next meeting.

Public Comment

Bob Bascom inquired as to when Chairman Delvecchio was elected Chairman. **Dominic** indicated that it was 2-3 years ago. Frank Petrella serves as the Treasurer and Jim Gibbons as the Secretary. Mr. Bascom also inquired whether the sticker fee was to remain \$30, which Chairman Delvecchio confirmed. Mr. Bascom then inquired about the meeting which was attended by Chairman Delvecchio, Chad Spooner and Howard Weissberg to review the information provided by Mr. Bascom and the respective towns' first selectmen.

The minutes from the March 30, 2017 meeting and this meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Weissberg

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