

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 25, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Dom DelVecchio at the Middlefield Community Center.

Roll call: Members present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DelVecchio, Chris Flanagan, Jim Gibbons, Chad Spooner, Howard Weissberg and Charles Zieminski. **Staff Present:** Site Manager Bob Matuskiewicz and Recording Secretary Robert Castiglia. **Public present:** Tom McNamara

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Chris Flanagan to approve the agenda with changes: include Composting, Site goals and objectives, Paving, and Revising the by-laws . The motion passed unanimously.*

SITE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Site will be closed on Monday, May 29th and open on Tuesday the 30th for normal public hours.
- Middlefield has completed brush pick up. Durham has not completed brush pick up
- Delivered approximately 350-400 yards of mulch to local farms and residences.

Private Hauler Access and Transportation Fees

Discussion points included:

- The private hauler access hours are now on the website and there is a form for private haulers to fill out. The transportation fee for MSW is \$13 a ton and is in line with Guilford and other surrounding towns.
- It is \$200 per trip for a 40 yard container of recyclables or approximately \$78 a ton to transport recyclables.
- Mr. Weissberg and Chairman DelVecchio discussed implementing a fee to private haulers to compensate for the recyclable transfer cost. The recycling containers the site ships average 2.5- 3.0 tons each. Mr. Weissberg estimated 3 tons per can for calculations of the tonnage fees. Private haulers bring in about 4 cans per month but it is more compacted. Their recyclables deliveries to the transfer station are 3.5 to 4 tons.
- Mr. Flanagan questioned why the site's numbers were so low in the cans, especially for cardboard, Chairman DelVecchio answered because the site cannot compact the recyclables.
- Discussion on costs of investigating a compacting unit for recyclables.
- Bob Matuskiewicz confirmed 4.5 average tonnage for demo cans and 3.7 average tonnage for metal.
- Mr. Weissberg calculated it was fivefold costs to transport recyclables over MSW
- Mr. McNamara from BOS confirmed he drops approximately 5 cans per month of MSW and 4 cans per month of recyclables.
- Mr. Capozzi said we want to cost the recyclables so the transport is not subsidized by DMIAAB. The board agreed.
- Chairman DelVecchio and Mr. Capozzi discussed options for getting Board of Finance approval for a compacting unit(s).
- Right now DMIAAB is paying \$800 a month to transfer recyclables and Mr. Weissberg proposed charging private haulers \$910 per month, indicating it should be discussed further at a later date.
- DMIAAB is one of the top 10 transfer station for recyclables volume percentage
- Mr. Capozzi suggested amending the next agenda to include determination of fees.

Composting

Mr. Flanagan discussed DMIAAB's last composting initiative through Signature Marketing.

- DMIAAB subsidized 50% composter costs to community
- Percentage of compostables in mainstream waste is increasing so Board would like to restart the program

- Mr. Flanagan indicated that he would be leaving the board at the end of June and Mr. Pete Shoudy will be taking his place.
- Mr. Weissberg would like Mr. Flanagan to consider consulting for task force and committees in the future
- Chairman DelVecchio urged the board to continue Mr. Flanagan's composting program and suggested adding Composting program lead person selection to the next agenda.

Revising the By-Laws

Chairman DelVecchio suggested utilizing approximately 30 minutes per meeting to review and edit by-laws to start in July when Mr. Shoudy joins the board. All agreed.

MIRA contract

Board of Selectmen reviewing options for a new agreement with MIRA. MIRA agreed to drop the tipping fee for recyclables as long as DMIAAB hauls direct to Hartford. The Board of Selectmen are discussing whether to take a 5 vs 10 year contract with MIRA. MIRA would like to know as soon as possible.

Paving

Chairman DelVecchio shared 3 bids for paving with the Board as follows:

\$4 per square foot, \$3.75 per square foot and \$4.50 per square foot.

The difference is between Tilcon and Suzio product. There is 5,836 square feet of repair needed. Patch requirement is 3 to 4 inches deep.

A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Chris Flanagan to accept the parameters on bid as follows: Award pavement patching to lowest responsible bidder up to \$25,000. The motion passed unanimously.

Site Goals and Objectives

Mr. Weissberg stated the goals of DMIAAB with strategies are posted on the shared drive and would like Board members to review and comment if necessary. Chairman DelVecchio made a request that Mr. Weissberg resend an email with the link to the shared drive.

Public Comment

Mr. McNamara indicated that it would cost him less to transport recyclables directly than pay the proposed increase each month.

The discussion turned to whether or not credit for recyclables hauled by BOS would be given to DMIAAB.

A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Chris Flanagan to approve the March 30 and April 27, 2017 meeting minutes. This meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting. The motion passed with Charles Zieminski in abstention..

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Castiglia

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