

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 26, 2017

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

Roll call: Members present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DeVecchio, Chris Flanagan, Jim Gibbons, Frank Petrella, Chad Spooner. **Staff Present:** Site Manager Bob Matuskiewicz and Recording Secretary Heather Castiglia. **Public present:** Tom McNamara

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

SITE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Towns finished brush pick-up.
- Middlefield hauled 56 loads and Durham hauled 111 loads.
- The Peterbilt truck passed federal and state inspection.
- Paving and repair of the transfer station roadways is complete.

MIRA contract

Chairman DeVecchio explained the MIRA contract options to the board. The Board decided to enter into a ten-year agreement with MIRA for MSW delivery to the MIRA facility in Hartford, CT. This Tier I long term commitment does not include recyclables. It is a fixed cost for 1 year, with pricing to be reestablished each fiscal year by MIRA.

A motion was made by Chris Flanagan and seconded by Frank Petrella to enter into an agreement with MIRA for a Tier 1 long term commitment for MSW (not including recyclables) for a 10-year period through June 30, 2027. The motion passed unanimously.

Private Hauler Access and Transportation Fees

Discussion points included:

- It costs approx. \$200 per trip for a 40 yard container of recyclables or approximately \$78 a ton to transport recyclables to MIRA. Right now DMIAAB is paying \$800 a month in transportation costs to transfer BOS recyclables.
- Private haulers bring in about 4 cans per month of recyclables. Their recyclables deliveries to the transfer station are typically 3.0 to 3.5 tons per load.
- DMIAAB is within the top 10 to 15 percent for its recyclables ratio when compared to other municipal transfer stations statewide due to DMIAAB's recyclables volume percentage when compared to MSW delivered to the site because of the high volume of residential recyclables collected at the site that are accounted for, including all BOS residential recyclables. Commercial recyclables are difficult to account for and are not mandated by state statute.
- In order to be cost neutral for the private hauler recyclables transportation costs DMIAAB should implement a transportation cost/ton to ensure that DMIAAB is not subsidizing these costs. The Board will need to charge a reasonable fee to private haulers for recycling transportation fees. This fee will continue to be discussed at future meetings. If this fee is too high, the private hauler may choose to haul recyclables and MSW direct to Hartford.
- Discussion points:
 - Reevaluate the private hauler access policy, and not allow private haulers.
 - Haulers will not be allowed to haul only MSW. DMIAAB would need to account for both MSW and Recycling.

- Discussed an option to deposit collected private hauler recycling fees in a capital account and once a substantial amount is saved, use the account toward installing a recycling compactor.
- Mr. Flanagan asked if it was more prudent to raise the MSW tip fee a few dollars in order to make up the difference in recyclable transport fees.
- Mr. Flanagan stressed that DMIAAB was being asked by the Town Selectmen to reduce cost, not eliminate cost.
- Mr. Spooner suggested a variable fee schedule based upon the market value of recyclables.
- The board agreed that the most effective means of reducing recycling costs over time would be to install a recycling compactor, all concurred that this would initially cost too much in the short term based upon preliminary cost estimates. The capital costs for a recycling compactor will continued to be explored.
- Mr. Capozzi asking if the board needs to get approval for site engineering reports and suggested getting site reports started to determine how much each requirement (i.e., electrical, structural) would cost. Chairman Delvecchio stated DMIAAB would not need to get approval for preliminary site engineering reports.

A motion was made by Ron Capozzi and seconded by Jim Gibbons to approve the May 25, 2017 meeting minutes. This meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Castiglia

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