

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 26, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Dom DeVecchio at the Durham Public Library.

Roll call: Members present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DeVecchio, Frank Petrella, Howard Weissberg, Chad Spooner and Charlie Zieminski. **Staff Present:** Recording Secretary Heather Castiglia.

Approval of Agenda: *A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Ron Capozzi to amend the agenda to add a discussion about the license plate software/hardware to replace stickers. The motion passed unanimously.*

SITE MANAGER'S REPORT

- Site will be closed Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving Day and will be open Saturday, November 25.
- The roll-off truck passed inspection
- Site has been chip sealed and swept and there was no water damage from the last heavy rain storm.
- If the snow removal contractor will honor last year's bid, Bob will get a formal bid and renew the contract for this year.
- 2900 annual stickers sold
- Mr. Matuskiewicz shared the information gathered about MSW disposal at other RiverCog municipal transfer stations:
 - East Haddam, Haddam, Deep River, and Old Saybrook do not allow MSW from private haulers at their sites.
 - Westbrook and East Hampton do not offer any services and residents must contract a private hauler.
 - Glastonbury has a \$30 sticker fee and charges \$3/car of MSW, or \$5/pick-up of MSW.
 - Portland has a \$20 sticker fee and pay-as-you-throw offering \$2, \$3, and \$5 sized bags.
 - Guilford/Madison no longer allow private haulers on site, \$6 per visit to the site

Private Hauler Access and Transportation Fees

Chairman DeVecchio began a discussion about the DEEP's mandated goal of at least 60% recycling by 2024. Discussion points included:

- Composting organic matter – create a team to restart the composting program Mr. Flanagan began several years ago. In the fall or spring hold a “sale” of subsidized composting units for the residents of Durham and Middlefield, encouraging composting at their homes to reduce the MSW at the site. Mr. Spooner said he would contact Mr. Flanagan and start researching the project.
- An organic container on site probably wouldn't be feasible, since we're a rural area.
- State is pushing the recycling but there is no way to record or credit our towns with the amount recycled from private haulers that deliver recyclables to other facilities.
- Chairman DeVecchio believes we cannot keep subsidizing the cost of transportation for recyclables for the private haulers knowing there is no market for recyclables.
- Mr. Capozzi stated that the separation of MSW and recyclables from private haulers using DMIAAB is not feasible given the current reporting format and recycling market
- Chairman DeVecchio believes it could be a savings of up to \$10,000 a year if private haulers haul MSW and recyclables direct to MIRA. There is currently no legal mandate for private haulers to deliver recyclables to a town designated facility
- Mr. Spooner agreed that since there is no way for Durham/Middlefield to get credited for the private haulers' recyclables which would skew reporting, maybe it's in our best interest to exclude private haulers.

- Chairman DelVecchio suggested that if private haulers are banned from the site, it will not take effect until July 1, 2018.
- Chairman DelVecchio would like to take a vote at the next meeting with the full board present. The discussion was tabled.

Budget Savings

- Chairman DelVecchio stated the Boards of Finance and Town Selectmen would like to see continued savings (DELETEof \$50, 000) in next year's budget.
- The board agreed to consider and study plans for cost reduction

Gate Access

- Mr. Capozzi explained that he felt the best replacement for stickers would be License Plate recognition. This would entail installing cameras that could read a license plate and recognize it as an authorized user of the site. This would create excellent data collection for keeping track of the use of the site.
- Mr. Weissberg explained he would like to see the system tied into red and green signal lights (red would flash for an unauthorized user and green would flash for an authorized user)
- Mr. Capozzi considered contacting DMV for a list of registered vehicles and their license plates for the towns to use as a database. It was suggested to try to connect the system with the existing PC Scale software and current database. Mr. Weissberg stressed that the PC Scale customer service was quite poor, but he would try to contact them regarding this system.
- Money collection would be online or on-site
- The cost of the camera and logistics would be approximately \$8000
- Ron Capozzi and Howard Weissberg will investigate the complete costs for installation
- Chairman DelVecchio stated he would propose it to the Boards of Finance. If the system is approved, he would like to see it up and running by July 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Ron Capozzi to approve the August 24, 2017 meeting minutes. This meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather Castiglia

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