

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 27, 2020

Before the meeting, Howard Weissberg gave a presentation to DMIAAB members, Durham Town Selectwoman, Laura Francis, Middlefield Town Selectman, Ed Bailey.

DMIAAB License Plate Recognition Presentation

Howard Weissberg gave a presentation of the information addressing a license plate recognition system for the DMIAAB site.

- DMIAAB goals: ensure the costs meet the needs of the taxpayers and to not be subsidizing heavy users,
- DMIAAB needs data—such as
 - Optimal site user time
 - Frequency of users
 - Staff hours, manning
- Data collection needs to be cost effective. There will need to be improved enforcement –costs to staff the gate, managing the site can be confrontational.
- Implement tech to manage the site from a strategic basis. Monitor when vehicles enter the site and when they are at the tipping floor.
- Action plan: entry system consisting of a license plate reader system.
- Operational benefit and safety benefit
 - The idea that the site is under surveillance may stop people from misusing the site.
- Shawn from Amano McGann presented the physical equipment and installation for the system.
 - It would consist of a camera at the front gate that recognizes vehicle license plate—utilizing two lenses: One for video stream, one for plate capture.
 - For best data capture, there would be a camera (or two) at the tipping floor. Tipping floor cameras rotate 130 degrees.
 - All Video stored as data.
 - Output to hook up a light bar system that will alert the vehicle driver and site staff that the vehicle is not an authorized user.
 - The system main purpose is to capture data, identify heavy users and repeat offenders of unauthorized use.
 - The system without the tipping floor cameras costs under \$20,000.
- Mr. Weissberg mentioned that DEEP has grant money and the Board could apply for a grant to pay for this.
- Sticker system costs about \$3,000 a year for stickers and staffing

Selectwoman Laura Francis thanked the board. Some of her concerns:

- Database of license plates—is this voluntary registration? Privacy issues for residents.
- What policies are in place for license plate data management?
- What are willing and able to do about unauthorized users, heavy users.
- If red light, what is DMIAAB prepared to do to handle the situation of unauthorized user.
- Enforcement will most likely be labor intensive.
- There is no policy to notify the public of what is the limit of MSW a resident can bring to the site.

Mr. Weissberg explained that it is important to identify heavy users, but also to identify what is a baseline for normal household users. The system will likely help the board to identify the trends of overuse versus normal use.

Mr. Bailey agreed that the license plate recognition system could reduce the use by just implement a camera on site

Discussion turned to educating the public. Mrs. Francis knows that we have an educated and environmentally conscience community. Getting word out to how each resident can help reduce MSW is key.

- DMIAAB Composter Sale

- Assistance from Student volunteers from Strong and Coginchaug – ECO club, etc. Sustainable CT groups and environmentally friendly businesses
- Signage at the site that allows people to see how they can contribute.

Discussion briefly turned to reconstruction of MIRA, MIRA contracts, public policy, regionalism.

It was noted that 400,000 tons of MSW ship out of the state per year.

Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Francis thanked the board for the presentation and discussion.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:15 PM by Chairman DelVecchio at the Middlefield Community Center.

Members present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DelVecchio, Jim Gibbons, Brendan O’Connell, Frank Petrella, Howard Weissberg, Charlie Zieminski, Steven Koerber **Staff present:** Heather Castiglia
Public present: Ed Bailey, Laura Francis, Shawn from Amano Mcgann in Cheshire, CT

A motion was made by Ron Capozzi and seconded by Charlie Zieminski to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Frank Petrella to seat Steven Koerber and Brendan O’Connell. Motion passed unanimously

Budget was shared at the last meeting for Board Members to review. Dom will present the budget at the next joint Boards of Finance meeting on March 3, 2020 at the Durham Town Hall.

Site Manager’s Report

There is no Site Manager’s Report due to Mr. Matuskiewicz being on vacation.

Old Business

License/Registration Private Haulers

The private hauler who is in default with the DMIAAB requirements will be served and processed in the court system.

Composting Units

Ron Capozzi is following up on Composting Unit sale.

Mr. Capozzi also explained that he spoke to a member of RiverCog who says there is a huge number of downed trees that would need to get chipped down to product sized less than an inch. This would keep the emerald ash borer from growing in population. Mr. Capozzi took a sample of the wood chips created at the transfer station and handed them off to Ed Bailey who will bring the chips to River Cog. This may generate more work for the DMIAAB grinder.

Mr. O’Connell confirmed that the MSW generated at our site was 2700 tons, and stated that it would be useful to know many pounds of MSW are generated per person.

A motion was made by Frank Petrella and seconded by Ron Capozzi to approve the October and December 2019 meeting minutes. This meeting’s minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM

Respectfully Submitted,

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

