

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 30, 2020  
Peckham Park Pavilion, Middlefield

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman DelVecchio.

**Members present:** Ron Capozzi, Dom DelVecchio, Brendan O'Connell, Frank Petrella, Steven Koerber, Howard Weissberg, Charlie Zieminski **Members absent:** Jim Gibbons **Staff present:** Heather Castiglia, Bob Matuskiewicz

*A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Frank Petrella to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Site Manager's Report**

- \$50 stickers went on sale Saturday, July 25. Many complaints about the 60% increase to the sticker fee. Mr. Weissberg and Chairman DelVecchio stressed the reason for the sticker fee increase is directly related to the increase in the tip fee for MSW. Both towns' Boards of Selectmen and Boards of Finance requested the increase due to the direct increase in the MSW tip fee from MIRA from the past two years. Important to note that elected officials establish the public policies.
- The \$60 sticker fee and town contributions equate to \$13.74 per month, per household for use of the site.
- Compactor pad is original to the compactor. Employees power washed and put new cement down. They will add two 15ft or 20ft strips of ½ inch steel plate to go where the compactor cans roll on and off the pad.
- Middlefield mowed site.
- Kenworth truck motor is having issues and not running correctly.
- Phones were down from Frontier this week. Frontier corrected the problem.
- Addressed the letter from a concerned resident about the hours the site is open and decided not to take further action.

**New Business**

**Credit Card proposal**

Chairman DelVecchio has received requests from both towns to consider a credit card payment system for the site.

He will be meeting with a representative for the Town of Durham's provider "Point and Pay" to consider a contract that would include two remote terminals and two permanent terminals. They would charge a flat fee per transaction of \$1.50. Residents would be responsible for the fees incurred by using a credit card

Mr. Weissberg has a contact with Heartland from Meriden. He remarked they created a proposal for the town of Meriden that would include a pay station inside as well as a weatherproof drive up station and receipt print capability. Mr. DelVecchio and Mr. Weissberg will investigate options. A system like this would only be used for the purchase of stickers or high demo fees. Mr. Weissberg does not see it as a necessity and does not think it will reduce the chance of virus transmission as much as increase the chance of virus transmission.

The system will require training, a secure system, internet service/phone service and possibly another computer. DMIAAB will have to maintain an infrastructure for this credit card payment system.

## **Hurricane Mitigation**

Mr. Capozzi addressed what towns should do when a hurricane occurs and there is a huge amount of debris. Towns have to have a plan in place:

- will be a need for a site for the brush until the towns can deal with it later. They can be public or private sites –fields, public open spaces, fairground, Powder Ridge, etc.
- If there is a Microburst or tornado—staging for debris—where it should be disposed of later.
  - contaminants, demo materials will be co-mingled.
  - Keep an up-to-date list of all the superfund sites that were already contaminated for source separating.
- DEEP will have to establish a standard

## **Other Business**

Mr. Matuskiewicz explained that Salvation Army has been great about picking up regularly. It was noted that the bins need to be painted – and suggested that Boy Scouts may take on the project if asked.

Mr. Capozzi also noted that UPS will take back packing materials such as packing peanuts

## **License Plate Recognition**

Howard Weissberg sent in an application for a grant and will follow up on the application. In the application he proposed it as a pay as you throw system. Use it to identify heavy users and see if we can curtail their activity

Mr. Capozzi explained that First Selectman Laura Francis will want DMIAAB to adopt a policy that enforces the program. Mr. Weissberg suggested DMIAAB could draft a policy about enforcing the program with a lien on the default or heavy user. The policy could be drafted for revision later.

## **Old Business**

### **License/Registration Private Haulers**

Private haulers in default with the DMIAAB requirements will be served and processed in the court system.

## **Composting Units**

Brendan O’Connell gave an update about the Composting Unit Sale.

- spoke with Chad Spooner and Mr. Capozzi about the history of the program
- there are 6 to 7 units in total
- Chad Spooner’s company’s warehouse has been offered to store the units
- John Scagnelli is the contact for purchasing the units
- Will contact Ben Shoudy about involving the EcoClub at high school
- Marketing should take top priority— Drive interest.
- Get the word out about the sale and the units
  - Facebook sites
    - Sustainable Durham, Positively Durham Middlefield, etc.
  - Maybe promote for 4-6 weeks at farmers market
- Mr. O’Connell will attend a Webinar scheduled for the end of August.
- Logistics and payment collection will need to be worked out.

## **Other Business**

Board discussed an end of year bonus for the workers due to their exceptional work during COVID-19 lockdown. Chairman DelVecchio will touch base with Durham Town Selectman Laura Francis, and asked Frank Petrella or Howard Weissberg to reach out to Middlefield Town Selectman Ed Bailey to discuss.

*A motion was made by Ron Capozzi to approve June 25, 2020 minutes and seconded by Frank Petrella. This meeting's minutes will be approved at the next meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

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