

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 24, 2020  
Peckham Park Pavilion, Middlefield

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM by Chairman DeVecchio.

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

*A motion was made by Steve Koerber and seconded by Ron Capozzi to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Site Manager's Report**

- Middlefield is done with brush pickup. 190 loads. 2000 cubic yards of brush ground in two days. Supreme Forestry took the grindings.
- Beast will start grinding Town of Durham on Tuesday down at fairgrounds.
- DPW is going to get rid of the large trees that are too big for the grinder.
- Kenworth roll-off is at Peterbilt for a repair of the main bearing, and installation of a new clutch \$3800.
- Tires on the loader are foam-filled tires. Bead on tire broke, so they will switch the tire to the back and put the good back tire on the front. Used tires cost \$650-\$800.
- 2100 stickers sold to date. Try to get them all sold by November 1<sup>st</sup>

### **New Business**

#### **Credit Card proposal**

- Dom sent Howard two proposals, one proposal set fee -up to \$500 but that proposal did not include portable card readers. Sister company has portable handhelds that printouts based on a percentage of the sales.
- Howard will follow through with Heartland. The towns would prefer the site to also have a credit card payment option, but the site is not losing any revenue by not taking credit card payments now. Most people pay with cash or check, and it's rare that users ask to pay by credit card.
- Board members agreed that the expense of the infrastructure is too costly for the amount that the site would use it.

#### **Other Business**

- Brush is being stockpiled at Strickland farms for Middlefield and at the fairgrounds for Durham.
- Possibly get reimbursed from FEMA for Tropical Storm. FEMA has not officially committed to reimbursing for storm damage work, but asked for an estimate. Bob Matuskiewicz tracked the hours for processing of storm damage at the site. Middlefield's Strickland – Durham Fair estimated debris volumes have been completed.

### **License Plate Recognition**

- Mr. Weissberg forwarded license plate recognition application to DEEP for possible grant. DEEP didn't believe it was true Pay As You Throw. Mr. Weissberg submitted the application late, because it is a

roaming application process and if DEEP has funding available and no viable candidates, DMIAAB's application has a better chance of being accepted and awarded some of the funds.

### **Glass Recycling Seminar- Attended by Ron Capozzi**

Mr. Capozzi recounted the Housatonic seminar he attended on glass recycling.

- DEEP has a glass recycling program
- The program recycles beverage glass (as opposed from plate glass/other glass).
- DEEP has notice the contamination of the glass bin becomes less when there are cameras.
- There is a facility in South Windsor. The options for glass recycling were to create fiberglass, melt down for new glass, or grind it for asphalt.
- Certified recycled (having a high percentage of recycled material) fiberglass product is more desirable.
- Mr. Matuskiewicz mentioned that if beverage glass was removed from the recycled plastics can, there would be less weight in the can for transport, making costs to haul the plastics higher. Mr. Capozzi also mentioned that if plastics i.e, milk jugs were removed from recycling they could possibly be shred to be recycled for Trex.
- The board agreed that it was worth looking into revising the site strategy for recycling in regard to glass, when the contract with MIRA is up.
- Board discussed DEEP's goals for recycling, reduction of MSW, and with regard to MIRA and cost.

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

Private Haulers need to complete the license/registration applications.

### **Composting Units**

- Mr. O'Connell updated the Board on the Composter sale: He's taken orders for 21 in total: 9 that have been paid for and 12 ordered.
- Earth Machines are sold out, Mr. O'Connell has ordered 30 more.
- There is one Green Cone digester left. He has to find a source for the Green Cone.
- He has been at the last 3 farmers markets and Mr. Capozzi has helped at the last two.
- Compost Jars – gateway activity
- When someone orders a composter Brendan gives a you tube link for each composter. He will send these videos to the group.
- Mr. Weissberg mentioned Mr. O'Connell should also post to the Middlefield Connects Facebook page.
- Discussion of whether a sale could be set up at the site to showcase to users of the site.
- Mr. O'Connell stated there was a lot of interest generated at the Farmers' Market and people from other towns were also interested. Unfortunately, we can't sell them at a subsidized price to non-residents. But we could sell them at full price for non-residents.
- Drop off of delivery at Chad Spooner's company—Mr. O'Connell will coordinate with Mr. Spooner

*A motion was made by Frank Petrella and seconded by Howard Weissberg to approve the revised July 30, 2020 and the August 27, 2020 meeting minutes. This meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Heather Castiglia

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