

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 28, 2021

Meeting held via ZOOM teleconferencing

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Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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 Ron Capozzi and seconded by Steven Koerber to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Site Manager's Report

- Over 3,000 stickers sold
- Grinding for Durham, Middlefield and Guilford is finished. Over 9000 yards of brush was ground. The mulch has been widely distributed and used at local farms, golf courses, agriculture, etc.
- Compactor is not working at full pressure. A contractor has been contacted and will come out to look at it as soon as he's able.

New Business

DMIAAB Fiscal Year 21/22 General Budget Discussion

Chairman DeVecchio explains he will share the budget with the Board as soon as he has the correct information regarding MIRA.

- MIRA has made a decision to start a shutdown of the burn facility.
- Currently our contract with MIRA is at \$91/ton.
- Our recyclable contract with Republic expires in June 2021. Past contracts for recyclables have ensured that DMIAAB did not pay a tip fee for recyclables.
- Once MIRA calculates the costs for recyclables, it is generally understood that the cost will be added to the MSW tip fee.
- Some bids that MIRA is entertaining for recyclables may be upwards of \$15/ton.
- By the end of February, MIRA will have firm numbers
- Chairman DeVecchio will enter in the budget a cost of \$100/ton with a caveat that it is not a firm number and will be subject to change after he receives the actual numbers from MIRA in late February.
- Currently committed to MIRA until 2027, and the recycling contract until 2021. There is an opt out provision in the contract. If the cost exceeds a certain amount, there is the potential DMIAAB may be able to opt out of the contract.
- Republic is currently the recycling contractor for MIRA.

Discussion New Truck Purchase

- Chairman DeVecchio will present the purchase of a new truck in the budget this year and will ask the Towns Boards of Finance.
- Lease purchase is approximately \$30,000 a year over a 5-year period.
- Ron Capozzi suggests buying the truck and shortening the hours of the site to recoup the money.

Old Business

License Plate Recognition (LPR) System Update

- Mr. Weissberg has not heard from DEEP regarding the grant. He will try reaching out to Jenifer Weymouth with DEEP again.
- Mr. Capozzi said Senator Cohen oversees DEEP and could be an asset.

License/Registration Private Haulers

Notices have been sent to all haulers. Haulers had until the end of July 2020 to file applications and pay their fees. Dom will continue to work with Bob on that and will update the board at the next meeting.

Composting Units (Update)

- Mr. O'Connell would like to wait until April/May to have another event.
- He explained that rather than take orders, DMIAAB should sell stock and have people pay with cash. Going forward, it could be a bi-annual event. Working with the Eco Club at the high school and trying to help the club with a fundraiser at the same time for their assistance.
- He will need to buy more green cone digesters. The earth machine composter is more popular.
- Mr. Weissberg suggested a raffle, this could be a way for the high school club to earn money as a fundraiser.

A motion was made by Steve Koerber and seconded by Frank Petrella to approve November 19, 2020 meeting minutes. This meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

Other Business

Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM

Respectfully Submitted, Heather Castiglia

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