

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 25, 2021
Peckham Park, Middlefield

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman DelVecchio.

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

A motion was made by Frank Petrella and seconded by Charles Zieminski to approve the agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Site Manager's Report

- Brush pick-up started in Middlefield.
- Over 3,143 stickers sold
- Spring clean-up started at site
- Mr. Matuskiewicz asked Mr. Weissberg if towns in CT were getting COVID relief and if so, is Durham or Middlefield. Chairman DelVecchio said he would speak to the town halls to find out if they are applying for the relief and if DMIAAB is eligible.

New Business

DMIAAB Fiscal Year 21/22 General Budget Discussion

Chairman DelVecchio gave an update

- The original DMIAAB budget meeting with the Durham Board of Finance and the Middlefield Board of Finance was scheduled for March 16, 2021. DMIAAB Board members were notified and invited to this zoom meeting by the Durham Board of Finance individually through email. The Durham Board of Finance rescheduled the meeting for March 9, 2021 and notified Chairman DelVecchio, but not other DMIAAB members. Middlefield of Boards of Finance members were not notified about the change until March 9.
- Durham Board of Finance wants another \$10 increase to the sticker fee.
- Durham Board of Finance voted for the DMIAAB budget to be reduced to the same number as last year, disregarding the new MIRA MSW/Recycling Tip fee that DMIAAB must pay that will result in a \$38,000 increase to this years budget. They refused to have another meeting to discuss the fact that DMIAAB will be unable to pay for the cost of site's operating expenses without an increase, and there is very little chance they will approve the purchase of a replacement roll off truck.
- Pursuant to the interlocal agreement, DMIAAB has various options available to offset the lack of funding provided by Durham.
- There will be a September meeting with the Durham and Middlefield Boards of Finance, and the Boards of Selectman with DMIAAB in which the towns can work out how best to go forward with the transfer station and reach a consensus on future sticker fee increases and funding.

Old Business

License Plate Recognition (LPR) System Update

- Mr. Weissberg spoke to DEEP and DMIAAB was not awarded the grant. DEEP wanted to fund more traditional "pay as you throw."

A motion was made by Howard Weissberg and seconded by Frank Petrella to approve February 25th, 2021 meeting minutes. This meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM

Respectfully Submitted, Heather Castiglia

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

