

Durham Middlefield Interlocal Agreement
Advisory Board
P.O. Box 38
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Minutes
October 19, 2006
Durham Public Library

Members Present: Bill Lintz, Ron Capozzi, Peter Neidhardt, Al Raczka, Dom DelVecchio, Jim Gibbons, Tom Russell

Others Present: Bob Matuszkiewicz, Ellen Mauro, Tom McNamara

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Site Update

Bob Matuszkiewicz reported that the electric gate has been repaired. The motor needed to be replaced.

There has been illegal dumping in front of the gate. Board questioned installing a motion-censored camera, illegal dumping signs and additional lighting. Bob to look into prices on camera. Bob Mat was also directed to contact the Resident State Troopers Office and ask them for patrol checks.

Bob Mat reported that the tub grinder hoses inside the machines harness are in need of replacement. He has the ability to grind, but cannot fully raise the tub. Bob was advised to get prices on the replacement of the hoses.

New Business

Tom McNamara stated he wanted to address the letter he received which said he would not be allowed to bring in additional tonnages of MSW or recyclables. He also stated that the minutes of the previous meeting were not on file at the Middlefield Town Hall when he went there this afternoon. He stressed that it is required that the minutes be on file in both Town halls. E. Mauro stated the minutes had been re-submitted to both Town Halls this afternoon, after the Middlefield Town Clerk advised she did not have them.

Mr. McNamara stated he had attended the Durham Board of Finance meeting this week and found them to be receptive to DMIAAB amending their budget. It was explained to

Mr. McNamara, that DMIAAB was the only entity that could approach the Board of Finance with such requests, and he should direct his questions to DMIAAB.

D. DelVecchio stated that there are other issues as well as the budget constraints for DMIAAB to consider, including volume and capacity.

The board stated they would be looking at the CRRRA report to determine exact tonnages that were being hauled were. Mr. McNamara stated he was not hauling garbage to Hartford, when questioned where he was hauling to, his response was the garbage “was being handled”.

The board then requested Mr. McNamara provides DMIAAB with exact monthly tonnages for both MSW and recyclables.

D. DelVecchio questioned Mr. McNamara “routine” for delivery of materials. Currently he is bringing trash on Mon/Wed/Thurs and recyclables on Wed/Thur/Mon. With the additional route Mr. McNamara would expect to deliver an additional 7 tons of MSW per week and 2.5 additional tons of recyclables. Recyclables are an approximate 70/30 split in weight, paper to bottles and cans.

The additional tonnages would alter the delivery to 2 trips on Monday and Thursday and 1 trip on Wednesday for garbage and take the recyclables from every other week to every week.

D. DelVecchio questioned Bob Mat about trips and volume. He then asked about scheduling changes as a possible solution in the future.

D. DelVecchio questioned Bob Mat about site activities, and the back up of full containers at any given time. Bob could not answer with specifics, but stated that the site is “that busy”.

P. Neidhardt questioned tonnage per month and approximated that the additional tonnage would be about a 10% increase per month to the site. He questioned whether site could handle that increase.

Mr. McNamara questioned why his customers are treated differently even though they are taxpayers as well. It was explained, that his argument was no different then somebody choosing to send there child to private school.

R. Capozzi asked if the site would have to be looking for possible future expansions.

D. DelVecchio questioned if Mr. McNamara if present arrangement was creating a problem for him. Mr. McNamara said he was handling it, but would like to bring recyclables in to the facility.

After lengthy discussion, Peter Neidhardt motioned that based on information we have, we not accept any more tonnage of MSW or recyclables than we do presently. Tom Russell seconded the motion. The discussion on the motion included comments from T. Russell that additional tonnages also reflect additional operating costs such as fuel, hours, and equipment time. The board closed discussion and decided to vote by paper ballot. The motion passed with 4 votes yes and 3 no.

D. DelVecchio as Bob Mat to start looking at issues for future capacity. Including number of trips per day, per week etc.

E. Mauro will provide information requested.

T. McNamara questioned how much information on site operations has been readily available to the public. He stated that issue had come up in the past. It was explained that any information he was interested in would be provided upon his request. T. McNamara wanted to know how much we pay for Bottle/Can disposal (He was told we currently pay \$15 per ton) and how much we are paid for paper. He claimed that he makes a significant amount on paper and therefore so should we.

In other new business, a proposal by Metal Management of North Haven was discussed. The proposal stresses that they currently pay more than Calamari where metal is presently going. It was explained to the board that we had switched to Calamari Recycling due to several issues. At Metal Management, the trucks run into heavy delays, constant tire damage and often “deductions” in tonnages for materials they claim were in the load. At Calamari, the trucks are in and out and the weights are not questioned. The board decided that especially in light of the lengthy discussions earlier this evening about ability to move materials presently on site, the time saved was worth the slight variance in money received for metal.

R. Capozzi asked if DMIAAB has “arrest” authority if people are dumping things that are not accepted on site or in the wrong place. It was explained that DMIAAB does not have arrest authority, but could report the activity to the police and they could have them arrested for illegal dumping.

On a motion by J. Gibbons, seconded by A. Raczka, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by a unanimous vote.