

**DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 15, 2010

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chairman Dom DelVecchio at the Middlefield Community Center.

**Roll Call:** Members Present: Ron Capozzi, Bob Czarnecki, Dom DelVecchio, Chris Flanagan Jim Gibbons, Katie Hughes and Frank Petrella. Members Absent: Al Raczka. Staff Present: Site Manager Bob Matuskiewicz and Recording Secretary Trish Dynia.

**Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Chris Flanagan, seconded by Bob Czarnecki, to approve the agenda as printed. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Site Manager's Report:** Bob Matuskiewicz had the following to report:

- All machines are running well.
- Durham and Middlefield have begun spring brush pickups.
- Swales are 2/3 to 3/4 done.
- Middlefield will perform sweeping once brush pickup is completed.
- Tub grinder parts have been ordered.
- 2,989 stickers have been sold.
- Bob will get prices for employee t-shirts in reflective colors.

**Old Business**

**Plastic and Paper Recycling Insert:** Katie Hughes contacted the Town Times and a local printer about placing an insert in the weekly paper informing the public of plastic and food waste recycling options. The entire project would cost approximately \$1,000 and as an initial step the printer will charge \$90 to design the insert.

*A motion was made by Ron Capozzi, seconded by Frank Petrella, to appropriate \$90 for a printer to design the insert. Katie will bring the prototype to the next meeting for Board review. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Electric Supplier:** Katie Hughes received a quote of 10.6 cents per kilowatt hour from Energy Plus, a company that derives 100% of its power from wind energy. Customers have the option to opt out at any time and the price is locked in until CL&P changes its rates, which is approximately every six months. The Board will review Katie and Al's proposals at the next meeting.

**Electronic Recycling Update:** Dom reported that the certified vendor list will probably be out in the fall.

**Signs:** Frank Petrella suggested that new signs be ordered and placed on recycling containers.

## **New Business**

Discussion of Weight Scales: Dom reported that he, along with Bob Matuskiewicz, Jim Gibbons and Frank Petrella, visited the Portland site today. They have a scale that only weighs demolition materials. Main stream waste is too light to register on the scales so the facility sells plastic garbage bags on site and at a local grocery store for MSW disposal. The bags contain the town's logo and it is basically a 'pay as you throw' system. The facility also charges \$20 for (delete) annually for stickers and is a self-sustaining facility. Dom noted that as the end of the DMIAAB municipal contract nears in 2012, Middlefield and Durham's Boards of Finance and Selectmen will be looking for suggestions and changes, and the above options may be looked at more closely.

## **Other Business**

Composting Opportunities: Chris Flanagan met with Coginchaug High School science teacher Sue Michaels, who heads the school's Ecology Club and their on-site recycling and composting program. Chris will explore ways in which the club can participate in educating the general public on this issue.

BOS of Wallingford Tipping Fees: Dom recommended that since the market continues to hold on profits from recyclables, the Board should eliminate BOS of Wallingford's recycling tipping fee. On average DMIAAB is making \$25 per ton on what he brings into the site. Dom noted that if this situation changes, the Board can re-instate the fee.

*A motion was made by Chris Flanagan, seconded by Jim Gibbons to eliminate the recycling tipping fee for BOS of Wallingford effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.*

Battery Recycling: Ron Capozzi reported that he has not had an opportunity to check with DEP on lithium battery recycling but will do so as soon as possible.

**Approval of Minutes:** *A motion was made by Ron Capozzi, seconded by Jim Gibbons, to approve the February 18, 2010 minutes as published. The motion passed unanimously.*

*A motion was made by Ron Capozzi, seconded by Jim Gibbons, to approve the March 18, 2010 minutes with the following change: Page 2, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, line 3, add the word recycling before the word tipping. The motion passed unanimously with Chris Flanagan and Bob Czarnecki abstaining.*

**Adjournment:** *A motion was made by Chris Flanagan, seconded by Bob Czarnecki, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Dynia  
Recording Secretary

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