

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2009

Call to Order: Dom DelVecchio called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M. at the Middlefield Community Center.

Roll Call: Members present: Chairman Dom DelVecchio, Ron Capozzi, Jim Gibbons, and Frank Petrella. Staff present: Site Manager Bob Matuskiewicz. Also present was Katie Hughes, who will be replacing Peter Neidhardt, effective 7/1/09.

Site Manager's Report:

- *New stickers are ready for distribution.
- *Excavation on the site: concrete blocks, gates & fence work completed. Durham Fence completed fence work.
- *Capacity of containers for cans, cardboard, paper compaction increased. Private haulers can also use them now.
- *The cost for blocks and asphalt, which included 3 people & labor, was less than \$300.
- *Freon in appliances was emptied. All emptied appliances were removed from the site.
- *A resident questioned the disposal of electronics. State regs will hopefully pass by 2010. CT State Government DEP website & CRRA have dates for collection of electronics and hazardous waste. Town of Durham website also has collection dates posted.
- *There are different collection sites for medical waste. Frank Petrella will investigate sites and send info to Dom.

Old Business:

New truck purchase - Dom handed out information regarding cost comparisons for purchase of new truck. He also discussed the financial benefits of replacing a truck approaching 10 years of age vs repairing the truck. Due to cost to replace the engine & transmission, & other wear-and-tear repairs, and addressing changing emissions standards, it is more cost effective to purchase a new truck rather than repair and existing one.

Future DMIABB operation - Frank or Katie will discuss the future operations of DMIABB – town ownership vs privatization – as the expiration of the DMIABB agreement between Middlefield and Durham expires in 2011.

New Staff Introductions:

Katie Hughes will be replacing Peter Neidhardt on the DMIABB Board effective July 1, 2009. Two other new members will be in attendance as well.

Lucy Petrella will fill in for Patricia Dynia as recording secretary, when Patricia is unable to attend meetings.

Driver Drug Testing Program

DMIABB drivers are not town employees, but DMIABB is part of the town. In a review by our insurance carrier, they suggested that all drivers be participants in the drug testing program to avoid any legal issues. The Durham First Selectman has agreed to include DMIABB drivers in Durham's drug testing program. The cost for the testing will be added to the Durham Public Works budget.

Storm water Permit – Status of Water Quality Testing and Sedimentation

Water Test Results - Another round of tests have been completed. The first test results indicated the water quality was not adequate (not within guidelines for turbidity). To address the issue, the site was swept monthly by the Middlefield Public Works department. Records are being kept of sweeping dates. As Middlefield owns the equipment, there is no charge for the sweeping. Results of the second test are not in yet, but preliminary reports indicate that the water looked better.

Sedimentation tank installation - A sedimentation tank, to be installed in the main line to capture first flush and slowly release, is being designed by Bascomb and Benjamin.

General Discussion of Recycling Efforts

To encourage and explain recycling, CRRA is being contacted to obtain booklets on recycling to be distributed to the public by mail or onsite.

CRRA is going to single stream recycling as it is getting harder to get city residents to recycle.

DMIABB is reimbursed for recyclables based on the market price.

Members questioned the percentage of recycling vs total amount of refuse. Detailed records are being kept at the site with regard to tonnage per day everyday to make comparisons. Therefore, the Board can compile this information for future review.

Trash Containers

The chairman handed out quotes for new open top trash containers. A couple existing containers are aging and could be given to the Durham Fair Association as they would like some old containers for their site. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Covers for containers were ordered last year; some in budget for this year; others for cans, etc., are being ordered.

Approval of Minutes

The following minutes need approval: May and June. As there was not a quorum, these minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Next meeting is at the Durham Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy Petrella
Substitute Recording Secretary