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DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2009

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Dom DelVecchio at the Durham Public Library.

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

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

- The hydraulic system of the new roll-off has been repaired.
- The tub grinder is running fine.
- The Transfer Station is all set for the fair.
- A resident who came to the Transfer Station with a truck load of large stumps requested that Bob ask the Commission if he could put them in the demolition section. The Board was in agreement that the cost for placing stumps in the demolition section would be prohibitive and there is no room on site to store the stumps separately. Bob added that he gave the resident some suggestions as to places in Middletown that would take them.
- The snow removal contractor has agreed to keep to the same price as last year (and the year before). Bob noted that he has been very happy with the service and will bring the new contract to the next meeting. Ron Capozzi inquired as to what type of salt the contractor uses. Bob will have the answer to this question at the October meeting. Katie Hughes asked why the towns do not plow the Transfer Station. Bob and Dom explained that the towns' priorities must be public roads, especially on days when there may be school, and the towns are unable to get to the Transfer Station until the end of their rounds. Bob noted that the contractor always has the road plowed before the Transfer Station opens in the morning.
- The Board briefly discussed the Transfer Station's security system.

Old Business:

Lease Agreement for New Truck Purchase – Dom reported that he contacted several financial institutions for financing and TD Bank seems to be the most promising. He added that the school district apparently came to the same conclusion recently while looking for financing for new school buses. Dom will bring the finance agreement to the October meeting for the Board's review and approval.

Driver Drug Testing Program Results – Dom reported that the program is in place and results thus far have been good.

Single Stream Recycling – Dom suggested that the Board form a sub-committee to explore the opportunities and determine if this is worth pursuing. The committee will be formed after the fair, possibly in October.

New Business:

CRRA Purchasing Space at Wallingford Facility – Dom reported that a representative from CRRA in Hartford contacted him about the possibility of bringing municipal solid waste (MSW) to a private Wallingford facility. In order to keep prices down, and maintain a competitive balance between public and private facilities, CRRA has purchased the rights to 25,000 tons per annum of capacity in Wallingford. DMIAAB has the opportunity to bring its 4,000 tons per annum to the Wallingford facility. If DMIAAB agrees to do this, local haulers in Durham and Middlefield would be required to bring their additional 2,000 tons per annum to the same facility. Like the Hartford facility, Wallingford burns the waste for energy.

Members noted that the option could provide savings in haul time as well as wear and tear on the trucks because the facility is much closer. Bob added that the Wallingford facility has a shorter wait time, which would provide additional savings because the drivers would spend less time waiting to get in. Dom added that if we are not happy with the change we have the option of returning to Hartford.

Dom will set up a meeting with CRRA officials, preferably to take place at the October meeting, or on a special meeting date, in order to discuss the matter further. In the meantime, Dom asked Bob to talk to the drivers and see if they have had any experience with Wallingford, and if so, what their thoughts on the matter are. Dom added that at this meeting CRRA might be able to provide more information on single stream recycling as a stepping off point for the sub-committee.

Willimantic Recycling Fees – Dom reported that the Willimantic facility contacted him last month and indicated it is time to renegotiate our contract. Currently we pay $15 per ton for bottles, cans and paper. Dom will have the new numbers available at the October meeting.

Tire Recycling - Al Raczka reported that while visiting in Maine earlier this week he found out that rather than paying to recycle tires (as we do), a Maine facility receives payment from a tire recycling center. Al will contact the company in Maine to find out if they know of a facility in Connecticut which provides this service, or alternately, if it would be cost effective for the Maine facility to provide a bin at the Durham-Middlefield Transfer Station. Bob noted that it normally takes a few months for the tire bin to be filled to capacity. Al will also ask if the company would accept tires on rims.

Transfer Station Cell Phone Plan: Al Raczka will also look into updating the current plan with an eye toward savings.

Approval of Minutes: *A motion was made by Jim Gibbons, seconded by Ron Capozzi, to approve the August 20, 2009 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.*

A motion was made by Jim Gibbons, seconded by Frank Petrella, to approve the July 15, 2009 minutes with the following changes: 1. Add approval motion for the April, May and June, 2009 minutes, 2. Move sentence regarding bidding requirements to the following paragraph. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: *A motion was made by Katie Hughes, seconded by Jim Gibbons, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Trish Dynia
Recording Secretary

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