

DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, December 15, 2016

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairman Dom DeVecchio at the Durham Public Library.

**Roll call:** Members present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DeVecchio, Jim Gibbons, Frank Petrella, Charles Zieminski. Members Absent: Chris Flanagan and Howard Weissberg. Staff Present: Site Manager Bob Matuskiewicz and Recording Secretary Heather Castiglia. Public present: Tom McNamara, Marylou McNamara

**Approval of Agenda:** *A motion was made by Ron Capozzi and seconded by Jim Gibbons to approve agenda as written. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Site Manager Report:**

- Snow removal bid was awarded to Justin Capega. The price for just sanding will be between \$125-\$150.00.
- Fairbanks Scale came to the site to maintain and calibrate the scale.
- The pavement and curbing has been repaired at the front of the site from the gate to the drains. Dom and Bob marked areas for final square footage for the overall chip seal in the spring.
- Finished grinding brush for Guilford. Town of Guilford was pleased with the process and product.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Horizontal Grinder Availability to Towns**

The final advertisement did get emailed through the town of Durham. Mr. Capozzi asked if Clinton was interested in using the grinder for their brush, but Chairman DeVecchio stated that Clinton had contracted for it already.

**Letter to DMIAAB from the Town of Middlefield Office of First Selectman**

Chairman DeVecchio shared and discussed a letter from Ed Bailey and Laura Francis regarding policies and practices of the site.

- An inquiry was made about the Site Manager's employment regarding his responsibilities on and off-site. Chairman DeVecchio and the Board agreed that the Site Manager needs to occasionally perform tasks off-site. He is within the limits and responsibility of his position when finishing tasks off site that pertain to the site. The Board also agreed that the Site Manager is paid as a salaried employee and may hold hours that do not fall within a structured schedule in certain cases. The Board agreed to furnish the Town Selectmen with information pertaining to the Site Manager's normal hours of employment, current work schedule and time clock in/out records.
- Concern for the lack of a decision in the Private Hauler matter. The letter encourages the board to consider banning all private haulers from the site since it seems to be a safety and liability issue.

**Private Hauler Discussion**

Chairman DeVecchio led a discussion about the private hauler issue, explaining the board needs to come to a decision soon. He feels it would be prudent to close the site to all private haulers. If the site was open to private haulers, even at a very strict schedule, the site would have difficulty regulating the waste stream. The towns of Durham and Middlefield have contracted to have MSW go to MIRA. There would be no clear way of ensuring the waste from private haulers was *only* from Durham and Middlefield. Mr. Capozzi expressed his opinion that the issue regarding the private haulers has changed and feels it would be best in the interest of the site to ban all private haulers. Mr. Zieminski shared his concern that if the site closes to private haulers, the taxpayers who utilize the private haulers in town will suffer because they

will have to pay an increased rate for hauling since the haulers will not be able to dump the waste locally. He suggested the Board look into creating its own Private Hauler Regulations which includes a registration of any hauler using the site, and violations to the regulations would result in forfeiture of the permit and a hearing before DMIAAB.

Mr. Gibbons and Mr. Petrella feel it would be best to ban private haulers.

*A motion was made by Frank Petrella and seconded by Ron Capozzi to approve the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 minutes. This meeting's minutes to be approved at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Chairman DelVecchio adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Heather Castiglia

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