

RECV'D: Office of the Town Clerk
Feb. 28, 2011 at 9:14am

DMIAAB Task Force

Regular Meeting

February 22, 2011

Minutes

(Not approved at time of filing)

1. Call to order

Anthony DeFilio called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:09 p.m. Present are Anthony DeFilio, Geoff Colegrove, Dom DelVecchio, Chad Spooner, Bruce Chaplin and Tom McNamara.

2. Representation

Geoff Colegrove explained that one of the recommendations the board regarding the review by the Finance Directors may not be legal as they can not direct town employees. It was suggested that they have the DMIAAB board responsible for seeking feedback regarding their monthly report to the Board of Finance. It was suggested to leave it for now and review it during the final process. Geoff Colegrove was asked to make an appropriate change and they would review it. Board members discussed other ways to be sure the towns are reviewing the financial information.

3. Types of waste

Board members discussed commercial versus MSW waste. It was noted that with the exception of hazardous waste there are no restrictions on the types of waste. Anthony DeFilio noted there are companies that bring all their waste to the station with no additional costs other than the window sticker.

It was noted that the one company they were discussing was one of the biggest taxpayers. There are also many general contractors that use the station, but they should be paying for bulk waste. Dom DelVecchio felt there were only a handful of companies that used the transfer station for their MSW. It was agreed that they need to address it, and create some sort of rule to protect the station.

Board members discussed having commercial users have a different fee structure, such a paying a rate per bag, or per pound, or some other sort of schedule, versus using some sort of schedule applicable to everyone. There was a discussion whether MSW should always be accepted without a fee as part of the service received through taxes.

Geoff Colegrove suggested when the sticker is purchased, a certain number of bags are provided for use throughout the year- once those bags have been utilized, then there has to be a fee to cover the additional. This allows everyone a certain amount, and will reward those who recycle by using less MSW bags, and charge more for those who use the station for more stuff.

Board members discussed charging for paper recyclable for commercial entities weighing the profit received against the cost of handling it. There were discussions of how you determine who is commercial versus who is residential, and then how they would implement a different fee schedule without a scale. There was a discussion of just how much of the waste collected is from commercial ventures and how that could be determined. There were concerns about making a rule about commercial uses without knowing if it could be implemented and if they may create more of a problem by having less recycling. Board members continued to consider possible ways to make a separation of residential and commercial possible.

Board members all seemed in agreement about providing a certain number of bags per user at the time the permit/sticker is issued for MSW use. This will encourage recycling. Board members discussed how to incorporate the use of haulers in the system. It was agreed whoever buys a sticker, gets the bags, and those that pay a hauler will not get a sticker/permit, and therefore not get bags. If they choose to get a sticker/permit they will also get bags.

Geoff Colegrove suggested they find a way to determine right now who/how many are commercial users, even if they have an employee at the site keep track. There were concerns about people getting duplicate permits/stickers to double their allotted bags.

4. Future discussions

It was stated that they need to discuss a better method of estimating/charging for bulky matter. One speaker suggested training methods that could be used to help. The purchase of a scale was briefly discussed. Keeping track of who is bringing in what type and how much for bulky materials was discussed. Board members reviewed the revenue versus the expense for bulky waste materials. It was suggested if they simply double every rate they currently charging now, it will be an improvement as they are consistently paying nearly three times as much as they are bringing in.

Board members debated the need and costs of a scale. It was noted that most members agree a scale would be a good improvement, but it is expensive and there are things that can be done now to help balance the costs and expenses of running the transfer station.

5. Agreements

It was agreed the board supported the idea of providing a certain number of bags with each sticker/permit. It was agreed not to differentiate commercial/industrial with regard to MSW.

Regarding bulky waste more discussion is necessary.

6. Miscellaneous

Paragraph 4.3- instead of cost sharing based on population, it was suggested to have fixed costs set at 50/50 and have the variable costs based on population. Board members discussed the representation and costs.

Geoff Colegrove was asked to email all the board members copies of the marked up agreement.

7. Scheduling

Anthony DeFilio suggested that once they complete the interlocal agreement they should take a month off from meeting in order to avoid burning out the group. Others did not agree-and it was decided to keep meeting weekly to finish it.

Regarding the bylaws, it was noted that they are set by the board (DMIAAB).

Anthony DeFilio noted they need also to discuss the function of the board of directors and if they are going to have a manager.

It was suggested to go over the bylaws at the next meeting as Geoff Colegrove will not be available.

8. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. the motion was approved.