

DMIAAB Task Force

Regular meeting
September 1, 2011
Minutes

(Not approved at time of filing)

1. Call to order

Chad Spooner called the meeting to order at 7:20 with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present are Chad Spooner, Jim Hempil, Dom DeVecchio, Howard Weissberg, Frank Petrella, Jon Brayshaw, Geoff Colegrove

2. Agreement discussion

Geoff Colegrove noted section 4.2 had changes made to it, and there were still outstanding issues regarding representation. It was suggested if the task force cannot agree on representation, they can simply include that fact in their report/recommendation.

Board members discussed the pros and cons of changing the representation to five for Durham and four for Middlefield. It was noted that would eliminate a tie vote on budget, and would move the vote to the boards of finance. It was stated Durham would have the higher representation because they finance a higher portion based on population. Board members debated the issue and compared it to the Board of Education representation. Some board members did not think that was working well either. It was noted the property is owned 50/50 between the two towns. Requiring a vote of 6/2 to pass a motion was discussed versus changing the representation.

A motion was made to table the discussion regarding representation to allow the selectmen to handle. This motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.

Marianne Corona noted based on the history, if they do not keep the representation at four and four for both towns, it will likely be voted down in Middlefield. She also noted that Middlefield bears the environmental impact of the transfer station site.

Geoff Colegrove provided a draft of the agreement and noted he needs to include the description of the Strickland property that was added to the property of the transfer station. There will be a cover letter that will discuss the representation issue as well. It was noted there will be a public hearing and town meetings, tentatively scheduled for October. It was noted that the document will have its legal review prior to providing to the public. Geoff Colegrove was asked to provide both the working final copy of the agreement that will include what they had and what changes were made, as well as a final copy showing only what the final copy will be. Geoff Colegrove confirmed that all the definitions were consistent with both DEEP and CRRA and when there was a conflict, he went with CRRA.

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Section 3-4- one member discussed the acceptance of human and animal intestinal waste. It was stated that what is not listed on the allowable list, is therefore prohibited. Board members discussed how they will manage when DEEP or CRRRA changes their definitions. Geoff Colegrove suggested adding language under 6-17 to include this situation.

Board members discussed whether they do or do not want to accept commercial waste. It was agreed it was defined under MSW so they will accept commercial/industrial waste.

There was a typo in 6-10 in the first line that was noted and will be corrected. In 6-14 / 6-15 it was suggested to add the term mixed recyclables to the mixed municipal solid waste. Board members reviewed the definitions and noted to add recyclables to 6-13 and 6-14 and anywhere they use the term mixed municipal solid waste, including 6-15 and 6-16.

Section 7 was reviewed- with no changes suggested.

It was noted there may be some potential for mining of methane gas in the original landfill area.

Board members discussed how they want to present this to the townspeople, including both sides of the representation issue. The representation issue was compared to the Board of Education for discussion.

Board members agreed they were done discussing the agreement and Geoff Colegrove was to create the final draft as agreed to and send copies via email to all members. It was agreed they will meet one more time to make a motion to accept and forward the new agreement to the selection. Chad Spooner agreed to draft a cover letter indicating the areas the selectmen need to agree on. It was stated that if any member has comments to make regarding the draft, they must reply to all on the email in order to be sure everyone has been copied, and were also asked to do so within 72 hours of receiving the email from Geoff Colegrove.

It was agreed to meet on the 15th for a short meeting to review and vote on the draft.

A recommendation list had been submitted by Laura Francis and there are issues that need to be addressed still, and it was suggested that sub committees be formed to manage those.

3. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:23, this motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.