

**DMIAAB Task Force**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 1, 2011**  
**Minutes**  
(Not approved at time of filing)

1. Call to order

Chad Spooner called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Present are Jim Hempil, Dom DeVecchio, Frank Petrella, Geoff Colegrove-staff and Bruce Chapman.

2. Board of Selectmen meetings

Chad Spooner provided a summary of the comments received at the two towns' Board of Selectmen meetings.

3. Review of Section 1-4

It had been suggested by a Durham resident to change the duration to 7 years- board members discussed various terms. It was noted that changes can be made at any point prior to the term if there is consensus. Board members considered adding a requirement for a review midway through the term.

It was agreed in section 1.4 to add to the last paragraph – subject to

**A motion was made that the last paragraph 1-4, be amended to read “Whichever comes first, subject to section 1-5 and 7-1 which follow.” This motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.**

4. Section 1-5

A resident indicated that 6 months seemed a short term to exit the agreement-and questioned if it should be extended to a year. Board members discussed.

**A motion was made to add the phrase “Durham or Middlefield by vote of its legislative body no later than June 30 in any year elect to withdraw from this agreement; such withdrawal would become effective on the first day of July the year following such vote.” This motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.**

5. Section 4-1

There had been a request for further definition of proportionate share. Board members read and reviewed this section as drafted.

It was agreed that in the seventh line down, the phrase ‘prorated cost’ should be changed to ‘proportionate share,’ and elsewhere ‘prorated ratio’ should be changed to ‘proportionate share.’

**A motion was made to change 1.7 and 4.1 to remove the words “prorated” and substitute “proportionate share”. This motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.**

6. Section 4-2

A comment had been made to further define surplus. Board members agreed no changes were needed in this regard.

7. Section 5-1

A Durham resident questioned why they pay 60% but only have 50% of the seats on DMIAAB board. Board members agreed this issue had been thoroughly discussed and decided on during previous meetings.

8. Section 5-3

It had been requested by a Middlefield resident that the phrase “whose election shall be confirmed in writing by the First Selectman” be removed from the document. A Durham resident had suggested it be changed from First Selectman to Boards of Selectmen, and it had been suggested to add back “by secret ballot” to that section.

Board members discussed and debated the issue of control over the board by the selection to this degree.

Board members discussed requiring a supermajority for vote passage.

**A motion was made in 5-3 that “by secret ballot” be reinserted and the “whose election shall be confirmed in writing by the First Selectman of each constituent municipality” be removed, so it reads “...shall choose by secret ballot from its membership a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer...” This motion was seconded. Three members approved and one member opposed.**

9. Section 6-17

Board members debated which descriptive phrases they would use consistently throughout the document for the waste materials.

**A motion was made to change Waste in 6-17 to MMSW, bulky waste, and recyclables. This motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.**

10. Section 7-3

A resident had asked about removing the text “assume full responsibility” Board members noted they removed it because it was redundant and unnecessary, and agreed no changes were needed.

11. Representation

A Durham resident voiced strong opposition to equal representation due to unequal cost sharing; a Middlefield applauded the decision to maintain equal representation. It was noted that population does not necessarily provide a true representation of use at the site. Board members discussed various local businesses that they have witnessed using the site and what can be done to control how much commercial use.

Board members agreed while the 60/40 may be flawed somewhat they would not make any changes.

12. Final Motion

**A motion was made to move this document, as revised at this meeting, to the First Selectman of Durham and Middlefield; this motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.**

Board members discussed what issues this task force would like to continue to address and ideas they would like to support, including the pay as throw idea, commercial usage of the site, the use of the scale. It was agreed there were members willing to continue to serve but they declined to form any sub groups at this time. Chad Spooner will contact the members who were not present to see if they wish to continue or to resign so they could be replaced.

13. Meeting schedule

It was agreed to set a meeting schedule after the new year. Board members discussed what days/times worked best, noting that the sub committees should choose one topic and meet until that issue is resolved.

It was agreed to meet next on Tuesday, January 10, with the understand that this date would be emailed to all the members and is subject to change.

14. Adjourn

**A motion was made to adjourn at 8:25 pm; this motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.**