

DMIAAB Task Force
7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, 2012
3rd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order

Chad Spooner called the meeting to order and led with the pledge of allegiance. Present are Dominic DeVecchio, Bruce Chaplin, Howard Weisberg, and Frank Petrella

2. Discuss Inter-local agreement feedback from Durham & Middlefield residents

It was noted that the Interlocal Agreement passed in Durham and Middlefield will be bringing to Town Meeting on March 20th; comments received at the Durham meeting overall were good.

Other items of concern were noted; exit strategy (provision of assets), authority to spend funds and representation issues, and commercial carriers paying the same sticker fee as residential.

3. Listen to a 15-20 minute DMIAAB Board presentation regarding scale implementation, cost & goals

Dom DeVecchio stated that the scale became operational the first week of February and indicated that he did not have enough statistical information yet but, over the next six months he feels they will be able to compile some information to determine if there will be a reduction in demolition material. The facility is currently charging .07 lb (\$3.00 minimum) and is covering the cost associated with keeping the facility open, including tipping fees.

There was discussion around the question of whether the scale was going to influence the way people use the facility. Bruce Chaplin questioned what was shipped to Wallingford. D. DeVecchio indicated specifically municipal solid waste; bulky waste is shipped to Essex. D. DeVecchio noted his concern that contractor's may use containers on site versus using the facility. B. Chaplin suggested DMIAAB employees explain to contractors how the site is setup and how to utilize it correctly.

Members talked about:

- The amount of employees on site and when, and if they needed a scale master or public weigher licenses. D. DeVecchio stated that temporary employees will be on site for a few months to assist as needed.
- Charging commercial vendors additional price for annual sticker fee
- Pay as you throw; consideration of a reduction in resident taxes; would require an education campaign
- How residents are being instructed to dump their municipal solid waste first
- Balancing out funds at the end of each day; currently investigating the use of credit card machine; looking to see if can get on the same network with the Town of Durham; 3% transaction fee, normally absorbed by the business is shifted to the consumer in a public setting.
- Increasing the recycling rate; mandate to go to 58% by 2018; right now at approximately 28%.
- How to improve recycling; send advertising circular; mailers. D. DeVecchio noted that a flier on recycling will be included in the Town Times in the next few weeks.
- Discussed the problem of carpet being put into municipal solid waste; a member talked about carpet being construction demo and clarified the definition; permanently affixed to

a structure and has to be physically removed from structure is considered construction demo.

- Charging a different fee for commercial and residential haulers. They talked about the need to have a clear way to distinguish between the two. A member explained that Meriden considers any vehicle that has a commercial plate or any pickup truck that has a business logo on it commercial vehicles. D. DeIvecchio stated they are currently tracking commercial vendors that are bringing in brush to get a feel for how many there are.
- There was discussion on current DMIAAB Task Force membership, their relationship with the DMIAAB Board and how to reinvigorate membership.

D. DeIvecchio stated he felt that by the fall he should be able to put pen to paper as to how commercial and residential will be handled in reference to the scale. He would like to discuss this with members then and create a timeline to implement new strategies.

4. Begin operations review by selecting an area of focus

Members determined that municipal solid waste policy would be the first area of focus.

MOTION BY BRUCE CHAPLIN SECONDED BY HOWARD WEISBERG DOMINIC DELVECCHIO REPORTS BACK TO THE TASK FORCE AT THE NEXT MEETING A LIST OF ALL COMMERCIAL HAULERS. ALL AYE

5. Set meeting schedule

It was agreed that the 2012 Meeting schedule will be once a month, second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at Town Hall.

6. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN; SECONDED AND APPROVED BY ALL MEMBERS.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Moncata