

DMIAAB Task force

October 9, 2012

Minutes

(Not approve at time of filing)

1. Call to order

Chad Spooner called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm. Present are Chad Spooner, Geoff Colegrove, Jim Hempil, Dom Delvecchio and Frank Petrella.

2. Minutes (22)

It was noted they last met on May 8, but there were no minutes to review. It was suggested the recording device was not functioning at that time.

3. Review (55)

Chad Spooner noted the last idea was to discuss tracking commercial users by having commercial users utilize the scale in order to gather information, and to charge for brush.

Geoff Colegrove noted they are now charging for contractors, landscapers who are using the site.

Credit card use was also noted as a topic for discussion from the last meeting.

4. Update (2:27)

Chad Spooner read from the letter of recommendation that was written to the first selectmen regarding the transfer site.

It was noted that the Durham BOS supported the recommendations but there was no response from Middlefield.

In response to questions Dom Delvecchio indicated they are weighing the commercial hauler trucks now and it is working out well. Mr. Delvecchio reported on some of the issues they have had that have been addressed, as well as some of the processes they have initiated to better control all that is going on at the site. He noted currently they do not have internet access on the site and they need a new computer system and router.

Board members discussed the importance of security for the system and offered suggestions.

It was agreed they need to continue to collect data regarding the MSW and the commercial use vehicles. Board members asked Dom Delvecchio consider some methods for gathering information to track the usage of the commercial users. It was noted that is a lot of work for the site employees to manage; cameras and videos were suggested.

Photos were provided showing a vehicle with a lot of barrels, noting if this person is coming twice a week it may be a problem.

Dom Delvecchio will discuss tracking with the site employees to determine how often the MSW hopper is being used by commercial entities. Pay to Throw was discussed, noting that makes it even for everyone. It was noted they could allow everyone a certain amount, and then simply charge for anything above that amount. Dom Delvecchio said he would discuss it with the site employees as they would have to do the work. He noted there would be no changes until after November as they are working on selling the sticker and populating the new software system.

5. Brush Disposal (36:56)

In response to a comment, Dom Delvecchio noted since they implemented the new policy the commercial contractors have not used the site so much and there has been a tremendous reduction in the amount of brush brought to the site. He noted there is a lot less man hours being used for that work now.

6. New Business (43:53)

Dom Delvecchio suggested they get the new system up and running before they look at adding the credit card capability. He noted they would need to have the fees charged back to the users, and he would also like to look at the automated easy pass system.

One member asked what was the charge of the task force noting this may be far beyond those charges.

Dom Delvecchio noted in Branford the household charge per month is \$22, and in Durham/Middlefield the tax payers are paying \$11 per month.

One member noted the task force was to address the interlocal agreement but now they are doing things that the DMIAAB board already does. He noted this committee has completed its task and should either be given another assignment or dispersed. This speaker indicated he would be resigning from this committee.

The possible role of this committee going forward was discussed.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:08; this motion was seconded and approved by all voting members.