

Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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APPROVED

SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

September 11, 2025

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Hollis DPW meeting room at 5:00pm. Members attending were Joan Cudworth, Guy Wadsworth, Dan Veilleux, Jack Esposito, & Scott Leard. Also attending were Dennis Slocumb & Debra Quinlan.

CITIZENS FORUM – N/A

MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2025 – Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Guy seconded the motion, and all others voted in favor.

UPDATE BY TOWN

AMHERST – Bruce said all is good.

BROOKLINE – Scott said that the cover Dennis installed over the packer blade is making a big difference.

HOLLIS – Joanie mentioned that the town is moving forward with the new wall but is still considering curbside pickup.

MONT VERNON – Jack said that all is fine.

RECYCLING UPDATE - Dennis provided the following prices for September:

	<u>NEP</u>	<u>OPR</u>
Mixed Paper	\$0	\$0
Cardboard	\$60	\$30
Newspaper	\$0	\$145

SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE

AMHERST OCC TRAILER – Dennis mentioned that the brake shoes were cracked and had to be replaced.

CONDITIONS AT INCINERATOR – Dennis brought pictures of the trash at the incinerator. He believes they are taking in too much trash and creating dangerous conditions.

OPERATIONS REVIEW – Deb provided the following trash figures for August:

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Trips</u>	<u>Ave Tons/Trip</u>
Amherst	209.17	10	20.92
Brookline	117.00	8	14.63
Hollis	213.72	13	16.44
Mont Vernon	63.32	5	12.66

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PAYABLES - All members reviewed the current invoices. Joanie made a motion to approve payment of those invoices and Guy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

STRUCTURAL WORK – Bruce hasn't heard from Structural.

GROUNDWATER TESTING – Eric was not in attendance.

BROOKLINE COMPACTOR – Bruce suggested installing a convex mirror so that the attendant can see inside the container.

FIRE SAFETY – Bruce suggested that each town have their fire department take a look and make recommendations. Dennis pointed out that Brookline & Mont Vernon don't have the systems on their trailers. Dan suggested making sure all attendants are trained to deal with fires.

LANDFILL HOSE REPAIR – Dennis thinks the hose that goes into the landfill needs to be checked for a leak. Bruce thinks there's 16-24" of material on top of the liner. Dennis suggested digging as far as possible without disturbing the liner. Bruce asked Dennis to contact Jimmy Sickler.

Joanie made a motion to hire Jim Sickler for a cost not to exceed \$3,000 to investigate the potential landfill hose problem and repair if possible. Dan seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

AMHERST COMPACTOR – Bruce suggested putting an A frame over the compactor to protect it from dirt, water, salt, etc. He will meet with Eric.

SRLD FEES – Tabled.

TRASH HAULING RFP – Tabled until the special meeting on 9/30 @ 5:30 in Hollis.

NEW BUSINESS

TRASH SURCHARGE – The NHDES will charge a \$3.50/ton surcharge for all trash beginning 1/1/26. The surcharges will be added to tipping fees and will be refunded quarterly. Dan will look into exactly how this will work.

LOAD OF CERAMICS – In June, Brookline took a load of ceramics to Glass to Sand. The SRLD pays for disposal of ceramics anyway, so the SRLD paid the bill that was received for this load. However, Deb was not aware of this load until the bill was received and needs to be informed of such loads in the future. Joanie mentioned that there's a new vendor near Keene that takes clean glass for \$15-30/ton.

MONT VERNON COMPACTOR – Jack didn't think that Mont Vernon could use the new compactor effectively. Scott said that Brookline could use it.

2026 DRAFT BUDGET – To be reviewed in October.

OLD AMHERST TRAILER & BOXES – Dennis said he might have someone interested in buying the trailer for about \$3,500. He will contact the potential buyer. Bruce suggested selling the boxes to the towns for \$1 each. Scott suggested using them for lithium-ion batteries.

NEXT MEETING – There will be a special meeting held on September 30th at 5:30pm in Hollis. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on October 16th at 5:00pm in the Mont Vernon fire station.

ADJOURN - Joanie made a motion to adjourn, and Jack seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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