

Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

March 3, 2022

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Mont Vernon Fire Department at 6:00 P.M. Members attending were Eddie Arnold, Joan Cudworth, Frank Powers, Jack Esposito, Guy Wadsworth, & Eric Hahn. Also attending were Mike Wenrich, Eric Slosek, Dennis Slocomb, & Debra Quinlan.

CITIZENS FORUM – N/A

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2022 –Frank questioned the wording of Joanie’s statement that Wheelabrator “wants” up to 15 tires per load. Deb responded that that was the wording that Joanie had used during the meeting. Eddie made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Joanie seconded. All voted in favor.

UPDATE BY TOWN

AMHERST –Erik Hahn reported that all is fine.

BROOKLINE – Eddie read a list of issues provided by Mike. According to Mike, the new trailer is still slow when pushing but normal when coming back. He also thinks that it is not packing well. He suggested moving it to Mont Vernon to see if it would work better using their power source and so that Mont Vernon would have matching equipment. He also brought up installing concrete pads under the trailers.

HOLLIS –Joanie reported that all is fine.

MONT VERNON – Jack reported that all is fine.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Dennis reported the following prices for February:

	<u>OPR</u>	<u>NEP</u>
Mixed Paper	\$ 55	\$ 40
Cardboard	\$110	\$ 80
#8 News	\$175 (no magazines)	\$ 60

Plastics are quoted by load

Dennis also reported that he received a call from Northeast Packaging asking why he hasn’t been bringing loads to them. He told them that their prices are too low.

SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE

USED COMPACTOR – Dennis reported that he looked at the used compactor in Fitchburg but decided it was too small. He has a lead on another one that will be coming in June that will be rebuilt but will also get a price on a new one.

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OLD BUSINESS

HOLLIS ELECTRICAL PANELS – Bruce reported that the quote came in at \$2,950, including materials & labor.

Joanie made a motion to spend \$2,950 to repair the electrical panels in Hollis. Eddie seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM BOXES – Bruce reported that it cost \$840 for DC Slocomb to clear the snow from the trailers in February. Eddie mentioned that Brookline employees have been cleaning off the recycling boxes with a snow rake and thinks that's easy enough for employees to do while they're shoveling. He asked if a power broom could be used to clear off the trailers. Joanie pointed out that it could create a dangerous situation if a driver assumed that a trailer had been cleared when it hadn't. Eric agreed with Joanie and stated that he's worried about anyone climbing on top of the trailers. Bruce suggested purchasing large, wheeled ladders for each town. Eddie mentioned that it would be best to buy snow rakes now, while they're still available. Jack suggested that each town look at their own facility and come up with a plan for next winter.

LEACHATE – Eric Slosek brought plans but couldn't determine from them where the lines go. Eric Hahn thought that it was unlikely that the DES would have approved lines going 200 feet or more.

TIRES IN TRASH – Eric Hahn reported that he spoke with a friend who's the director of the NH DES and that friend said that Wheelabrator can burn tires. Dennis was told that Wheelabrator could take 5 tires per load.

NEW BUSINESS

TRASH DISPOSAL BACKUP PLAN – Bruce reported that he had conducted a poll of the other board members when it appeared that DC Slocomb might have to bring a load of trash to a site other than Wheelabrator at a higher price. The other members approved but DC Slocomb was able to take the load to Wheelabrator after all.

Joanie made a motion to authorize DC Slocomb to take trash to Fitchburg if Wheelabrator is unable to take it. Eddie seconded but said that the SRLD would have to find out if Fitchburg can accept tires in the load. Bruce will find out. All voted in favor.

CASELLA – DALTON LANDFILL – Eddie received an email from Casella requesting a meeting with the selectmen regarding the Dalton Landfill. He thought that it would be more appropriate for them to come to an SRLD meeting but thought that they're trying to gain support for the landfill. Bruce didn't think that the SRLD should meet with Casella as that might give the impression that the SRLD supports the landfill. Other members agreed.

POSTING OF SRLD INFO – Bruce reported that the only town website on which he was able to find SRLD info was Amherst's. Deb explained that Steve Morgan had been working on getting links set up to the Amherst site before he left the SRLD. The SRLD page on the Amherst site has "Amherst" across the top. Deb spoke with Jen Stover a couple of months ago about that and was told that that heading could not be removed from the page. Deb will resume sending SRLD documents to each town to be posted to their respective sites unless she can be given access to post things on the sites herself as she does for Amherst.

PURCHASING POLICY – Eddie stated that the SRLD should create a purchasing policy with bid requirements tiered based on project cost.

UPDATES TO SELECTMEN – Eric suggested that the SRLD members give regular updates to their respective town's boards of selectmen. Eddie pointed out that he and Jack are selectmen for their towns so their selectboards do get regular updates. Joanie said that she has a liaison that keeps the Hollis selectboard updated.

TRASH TONNAGES – Bruce read the tonnages, trips, and average weight per trip for each town based on the latest Wheelabrator invoice:

Amherst: Total tons 65.33 for 3 loads at an average of 21.77 tons per load
Brookline: Total tons 32.42 for 2 loads at an average of 16.21 tons per load

Hollis: Total tons 88.02 for 6 loads at an average of 14.67 tons per load
Mont Vernon: Total tons 28.47 for 3 loads at an average of 9.49 tons per load

He stressed the need to increase tons per trip especially since the cost of fuel is rising. Joanie pointed out that Hollis trailers had to be taken early a couple of times recently because of snowstorms. Dennis mentioned that he's having trouble scheduling pickups because there is no set schedule and attendants are still not calling in loads correctly. Eddie asked if Mont Vernon could do without the open top. Jack will talk to the attendants.

NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on April 7th at 6:00 p.m. in Mont Vernon.

Eddie made a motion to adjourn & Joanie seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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