

## Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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### SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

June 9, 2022

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Hollis DPW Meeting Room at 6:22 P.M. Members attending were Eric Slosek, Eddie Arnold, Joan Cudworth, Frank Powers, Jack Esposito, Guy Wadsworth, & Dan Veilleux. Also attending were Mike Wenrich, Dennis Slocumb, & Debra Quinlan. Prior to the meeting there was a 5:30 P.M. walk through of the Hollis transfer station.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM – N/A**

**MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2022** –Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Frank seconded. All voted in favor.

#### **UPDATE BY TOWN**

AMHERST –Eric mentioned that he and Dan had updated the Selectmen on SRLD activities.

BROOKLINE – Mike reported that they've installed new stairs between the newspaper and glass containers.

HOLLIS –Joanie said that she would like everything to be pressure washed.

MONT VERNON – Jack reported that the backhoe has been out of service so there were a couple of light open top loads last month.

#### **RECYCLING UPDATE**

Dennis reported the following prices for June:

	<u>OPR</u>
Mixed Paper	\$ 65
Cardboard	\$115
Newspaper	\$220
Plastic	priced per load

#### **SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE**

HOLLIS TRASH COMPACTOR BLADE – Dennis reported that he removed the blade and found that it was in much worse condition than he anticipated and needed a lot of work.

STEEL FOR COMPACTORS – Dennis said that the steel required for both compactors would cost about \$30,000. Eric asked about the lifespan of a refurbished compactor. Dennis estimated ten years or more but stressed that they need to be protected from salt. He also said that he doesn't know what he'll find when he starts to work on the compactor so it could be out of service for quite a while. According to the last quote he received, a new compactor would cost about \$123,000 + freight. He was told that it would take five to six weeks.

Eddie made a motion to authorize Dennis to purchase a new compactor for a price not to exceed \$140,000. Joanie seconded and all voted in favor.

RECYCLING BOX – Dennis reported that he had installed a liner in a box and it could be used to replace one in Mont Vernon.

## **OPERATIONS REVIEW**

Deb reported the following trash tonnages and trips for the April-May

	<u><b>Tons</b></u>	<u><b>Trips</b></u>	<u><b>Ave Weight/Trip</b></u>
Amherst	401.55	20	20.18
Brookline	234.59	17	13.80
Hollis	434.20	26	16.70
Mont Vernon	119.71	13	9.21

**DAN'S STATE OF THE STATE** – Nothing to report

## **PAYABLES**

On May 17<sup>th</sup> an email was sent to all members asking for approval to pay an invoice from DC Slocomb to reimburse him for charges to his account for Fitchburg tipping fees. Eddie pointed out that this could not be done via email. Bruce contacted Fitchburg to have them remove the charges from DC Slocomb's account and bill the SRLD directly. They had not done so as of the date of this meeting. It was pointed out that cutting checks only once per month would mean that the first Wheelabrator invoice of the month will usually be paid late since their terms are net 20.

All members reviewed the invoices to be paid. Eddie made a motion to authorize payment of the invoices. Joanie seconded and all voted in favor. Bruce and Jack signed the checks.

Eddie made a motion to authorize signing of the checks for June & July expenses without prior board review since the July & August meetings are usually combined. Jack seconded and all voted in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**LANDFILL REPAIR** – The area was excavated, and a blocked pipe was discovered. JL Sickler replaced a section of pipe, backfilled, graded, and seeded. The total cost was \$905.

**FIXED ASSET DATA SHEETS** – Dennis will add whatever information he can to his equipment list.

**PURCHASING POLICY** – Eddie said that he thinks the focus should be transparency. He suggested using best business practices for anything under \$2,500 and seeking three bids for anything over \$2,500. Joanie suggested using a preferred vendor list.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**AMHERST STORMWATER SAMPLES** – Eric reported that heavy metals were found in the latest samples. He will contact an engineer to locate the source and work on mitigation. He will also contact Don Kirkland.

**AGRI-CYCLE** – Dan reported that he had received a call from a resident about starting a composting program at the schools and that resident had mentioned a company that provides and picks up containers for composting. Dan did an analysis and determined that it would cost more than putting the compostable material in the trash but thought it might be a worthwhile discussion. Eddie asked about putting compostable materials in with yard waste just to get it out of the trash. Joanie said that he could but would have to inform NHDES in order to get a permit.

**LEACHATE PUMPING** – Dennis asked if he should arrange for pumping again. Bruce said that Don Kirkland had suggested that it not be pumped for a while. He will call Don to find out if he thinks it should be pumped now.

**MOWING** – Dennis spoke with Bill Burton and his price for this year will be \$1,400 per mow. Eddie made a motion to accept Bill Burton's price of \$1,400 per mow. Joanie seconded and all voted in favor.

SIGNATURE CARD – Deb had Eddie’s name added to the TD Bank signature card as a replacement for Jerry Farwell.

Eddie made a motion to authorize signing of the signature card by himself, Bruce, and Jack. Guy seconded and all voted in favor.

PRESSURE WASHING – Eddie made a motion to authorize Dennis to arrange for pressure washing at all transfer stations. Joanie seconded and all voted in favor.

ERIC SLOSEK – Joanie welcomed Eric as a new board member.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 7th in Brookline. There will be a walk-through of the Brookline Transfer Station beginning at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. in a location to be determined.

Eddie made a motion to adjourn & Frank seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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