

Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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APPROVED

SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

January 2, 2020

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Brookline Town Hall at 7:05 P.M. Members attending were Jerry Farwell, Dan Veilleux, Eddie Arnold, Eric Hahn, Joan Cudworth, Todd Croteau, & Jack Esposito. Also attending were Mike Wenrich, Dennis Slocomb, & Debra Quinlan.

CITIZENS FORUM – N/A

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2019 – Todd made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Eddie seconded and all others voted in favor.

UPDATE BY TOWN - GENERAL

BROOKLINE – Mike reported that all is okay

HOLLIS – Joanie mentioned that they had had a problem with the plastic compactor. Dennis replaced the pump and it is working.

MONT VERNON – Jack reported that all is fine.

AMHERST – Eric reported that the problem with the cardboard ram cover is getting worse. Bruce passed around pictures.

UPDATE BY TOWN – RECYCLING

BROOKLINE – Mike had nothing to report.

HOLLIS – Joanie brought some examples of aluminum cans with paper & plastic labels that are starting to come in. Dennis will make a call to find out if those will be a problem.

MONT VERNON – Jack had nothing to report.

AMHERST – Eric had nothing to report.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Dennis reported that he has heard that China is starting to look for material again. Mixed plastics have not changed but Dennis was told that there is a demand for milk jugs.

SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE

OLD MONT VERNON TRASH TRAILER – Dennis reported that the trailer is almost done.

FRAME – Dennis mentioned that AKS has a rebuilt frame that is the same as packer 3 that he could buy for \$1,000.

OLD BOXES – Eric & Bruce asked Dennis to move the extra boxes at the Amherst transfer station. Mont Vernon and Hollis may take a couple of them.

HOLLIS OCC ELECTRIC MOTOR – Dennis mentioned that he could have the motor rebuilt for about \$900. The board discussed and decided that since a new motor costs about \$5,000 it would

be a good idea to rebuild the current one.

Eddie made a motion to authorized Dennis to have the electric motor rebuild for a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Joanie seconded and all voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

LEGISLATIVE LETTER – Dan wrote a letter in support of the findings and recommendations of the *Report of the Committee to Study Recycling Streams and Solid Waste Management in New Hampshire* dated November 1, 2019. Deb will address the letter to each Senator and Representative and create a signature page for all SLRD members to sign.

NEW BUSINESS

MIXED PAPER PRICE – Dennis reported that the price for mixed paper jumped from \$10/ton to \$110/ton on 12/9/19. He contacted Bruce and they decided that at that price the paper should be brought to Wheelabrator. The board agreed with this decision. The charge for mixed paper is now \$65-\$75/ton.

MIXED PLASTIC – Jerry pointed out that the mixed plastic situation is the same as mixed paper in that it is costing more to recycle than to bring to Wheelabrator. The board discussed and decided that plastics should continue to be separated from trash but that it would be not only fiscally responsible but also environmentally responsible to bring mixed plastics to Wheelabrator since it is likely going to landfills in MA right now. Joanie mentioned that at least the plastics will be used to create energy at Wheelabrator.

AMHERST LOADS – Dennis reported that he is having a lot of trouble with loads being called in from Amherst. The load levels are not accurate and vary greatly within a short amount of time. He's had to reroute trucks when a container reported as having plenty of room is suddenly reported as full. He also had a major problem with snow/ice inside a trailer. These issues are costing the SRLD money and hurting his business. Eric objected to Dennis blaming Amherst employees for these problems. He suggested that, since the gauges are not always accurate, there should be a calendar kept with the pick up dates for each container. That way the attendants will know how long it typically takes for each container to fill up.

NONPUBLIC SESSION

Eddie made a motion to go into nonpublic session per RSA Chapter 91-A:3 II(c). Jerry seconded the motion and Eric, Jack, Dan, Todd & Joanie all voted in favor.

Todd made a motion to exit nonpublic session. Eddie seconded the motion and Eric, Jack, Dan, Jerry, & Joanie all voted in favor.

NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be February 6th, 2020 at the Brookline Town Hall.

Todd made a motion to adjourn. Eddie seconded and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Quinlan
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