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### **APPROVED**

### SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

October 1, 2020

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Mont Vernon fire station. Members attending were Jerry Farwell, Jack Esposito, Eddie Arnold, Eric Hahn, Joan Cudworth, Frank Powers, & Dan Veilleux. Also attending were Dennis Slocomb, Mike Wenrich, & Debra Quinlan.

**MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2020** – Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Eddie seconded. All voted in favor.

#### UPDATE BY TOWN

<u>BROOKLINE</u> – Mike reported that they had had some issues with the cardboard compactor but that it is working now. He also mentioned that their PET load was not clean & had to be taken to Wheelabrator.

<u>HOLLIS</u> –Joanie said that there are 3 new subdivisions being built right now and thinks that the SRLD should plan on the need for more compactors. Jerry asked about the rolloff being used by Hollis to improve social distancing and how much it is costing the SRLD. Joanie asked Dennis to remove the rolloff but expects complaints from residents.

<u>MONT VERNON</u> – Jack mentioned that the employees are frustrated with trying to keep contaminants out of the plastic & glass. Dennis reminded him that the glass is being taken to New London where requirements are not as strict.

<u>AMHERST</u> –Eric reported that all is fine and asked Dennis how their last PET load was. Dennis thought that that load might have been the one that he took to Wheelabrator because Office Paper no longer wants PET.

#### RECYCLING UPDATE

Dennis provided the following prices for September:

|             | <u>NEP</u>         | <u>OPR</u> |
|-------------|--------------------|------------|
| Mixed Paper | \$0 (possibly \$5) | \$5        |
| Cardboard   | \$75               | \$75       |
| Newspaper   | \$80               | \$100      |
| Milk Jugs   |                    | \$0.55/lb  |

## SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Dennis reported that he has one box in the yard. He also said that he is going to look into an oil undercoating.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

BROOKLINE CARDBOARD TRAILER – Dennis reported that it would probably cost \$30,000 - 40,000 to refurbish the trailer plus about \$13,000 to paint it. The last price he had for a new trailer was \$115,000-120,000. Jerry asked how long the refurbished trailer would last and if the old motor could be used with a new trailer. Dennis thought it could last about 10 years and that it

would be possible to use the old motor. Dennis mentioned some used compactors that he could purchase refurbished. Bruce asked if Mont Vernon has room for a trailer and Jack & Dennis said that they think there is.

Dennis will get a trailer price and compactor prices for the next meeting. He will also determine what needs to be done in Mont Vernon to accommodate a trailer from Brookline.

<u>GLASS CRUSHING</u> – Dennis brought some samples of crushed glass from Groton. He said that a large glass crusher would cost around \$150,000. Joanie thought that the crushed glass could be used in the member towns.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

<u>CAPITAL RESERVE</u> - It was suggested that the SRLD set up a Capital Reserve account for major, unplanned expenses like wall repairs. Eddie volunteered to investigate how to go about doing that.

<u>BROOKLINE ELECTRICAL WORK</u> – Mike reported that Brookline needs some electrical work done including having a plug installed for the block heater. He said that he has received a quote of \$1.500.

Dan made a motion to spend \$1,500 for electrical work in Brookline. Joanie seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

<u>ENGINEERING STUDY</u> – Eddie suggested having an engineer evaluate the walls at the transfer stations. Bruce mentioned that the Amherst wall was designed by an engineer. Jerry said that he built the wall in Brookline and has no concerns. He suggested just monitoring the walls. Joanie mentioned that Hollis already does so.

<u>DC SLOCOMB CONTRACT</u> – The 2021-2025 contract includes 6% increases in 2022 & 2024. Eddie made a motion to approve the 2021-2025 contract between the SRLD and DC Slocomb, LLC. Joanie seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be November 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mont Vernon fire station.

Eddie made a motion to adjourn, Jack seconded, and all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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