

## Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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**P.O. Box 360, Amherst, N.H. 03031**

ACCEPTED DATE: 03/07/19

### SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

February 14, 2019

Bruce Berry, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Conference Room of the Amherst Public Works at 7:00 P.M. Members attending were Bruce Bowler, Eddie Arnold, Joanie Cudworth, Jerry Farwell, Steve Morgan, Todd Croteau & Jack Esposito. Also attending were Eric Hahn, Mike Wenrich, Dennis Slocumb, & Debra Quinlan.

**CITIZENS FORUM** – John Harvey of the Amherst Conservation Commission asked the board to consider mowing the landfill just one time per year in August. He explained that there are a variety of birds that nest on the ground in the spring & early summer whose nests may be destroyed by mowers. He said that he would come back at a future date with a full presentation.

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2019** – Bruce Bowler made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jerry seconded the motion, and all voted in favor.

#### **UPDATE BY TOWN**

**BROOKLINE** – Jerry reported that the colored plastics compactor is giving them trouble. Dennis will call Maguire.

**HOLLIS** – Joanie explained that they currently have 3 plastic containers plus a spare and would like to eliminate one. She also mentioned that she had applied for a scholarship to a recycling class and that the application deadline is 2/15 if anyone else was interested in applying.

**MONT VERNON** – Jack said that everything is okay.

**AMHERST** – Eric reported that he thought they were making progress in training employees to call in only full loads.

**RECYCLING UPDATE** – Dennis provided the following prices:

	<b><u>Northeast</u></b>	<b><u>Office Paper</u></b>
Mixed Paper	(\$20)	(\$20)
Cardboard	\$45	\$45
#8 News	\$100	\$125 (after some negotiation)
#1-7 Plastic		(\$50)
Natural		.32/lb
Colored		.11/lb
Soda Bottles		.06/lb
Milk Jugs		.32/lb

Todd mentioned that Dennis had taken him to Office Paper and that it was a great experience. He thanked Dennis for the trip and for all his hard work.

**SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE** – Dennis had nothing to report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

ELECTRICIAN – Bruce Bowler gave Dennis the electrician's contact info. Dennis will arrange a meeting. Jerry asked to be included in that meeting in order to talk about upgrading the power in Brookline.

SEPARATION OF PLASTICS – Steve reported that he had also visited OPR with Dennis and had spoken with NRRA about plastics. There is a market for some plastic, and he provided this suggestion for separation in order of highest return:

1. #2 natural (except auto product containers)
2. #2 colored (pigmented containers, white milk jugs)
3. #1 – soda & water bottles
4. Everything else

It was agreed that the loads would have to be compacted to make this cost effective. Joannie offered to pilot a program for compacting soda/water bottles. Dennis provided a quote of \$41,266 for two Marathon compactors with 3 phase converters. He mentioned that the value of the 3 phase converters was \$5,800 each.

Bruce Berry suggested that, rather than purchasing compactors for each town, plastic could be brought to Amherst for compaction. The loads could go over the scale there 1<sup>st</sup> so that tonnages could still be tracked by town.

Bruce Bowler suggested that something similar could be done in Brookline. He mentioned that the SRLD might be willing to pay for additional lighting there to make the area safe. He also suggested having the monthly SRLD meeting in a different member town for each of the next few months so that all members could tour each town's transfer station. It was agreed to start this with the April meeting.

Jerry & Joan will prepare a plan to be presented at the next meeting. Dennis will prepare estimated costs for him to haul material between transfer stations.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

TOWN WEB SITES – Steve mentioned that it is not easy to find the SRLD info on the towns' web sites. He thought that there should be a link to the SRLD under Transfer Station on each site. Bruce Berry read the letter that was sent to each town requesting that they post SRLD documents and said that he didn't think that the SRLD could dictate how they post those documents.

PLASTIC BAGS – Steve mentioned that he thought that it should be made clear that plastic shopping bags cannot be recycled. He said that he has seen very clear signs in other towns.

ENVIROTRAC – DON KIRKLAND – Don briefly explained the testing and reporting that is required by the state. He mentioned that additional sampling and reporting will be required for 2019 and offered to do the additional sampling in 2019 and the additional reporting in 2020 in order to spread the cost over two years. The board accepted this offer.

MOWING - Bruce Berry asked Don if mowing just once a year would be an issue as far as he is concerned. He said that mowing is only necessary so that nothing with roots that could damage the cap has a chance to grow. Once a year would be fine for that purpose. Bruce Bowler suggested trying to mow just once as requested by the Conservation Commission. Jerry agreed but mentioned that it will depend on the weather and how quickly the grass grows.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 7th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Amherst Public Works conference room.

Bruce Bowler made a motion to adjourn and Eddie seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Quinlan  
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