

## Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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

APPROVED

### SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

October 5, 2023

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Amherst Fire Station meeting room at 6:00pm. Members attending were Eric Slosek, Jack Esposito, Frank Powers, & Guy Wadsworth. Also attending were Dennis Slocumb & Debra Quinlan.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM – N/A**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2023** – Frank made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Guy seconded. All voted in favor.

#### **UPDATE BY TOWN**

AMHERST – Eric reported that there was an issue with a pressure switch.

BROOKLINE – Guy asked about the clothing bins and was told that those are not managed by the SRLD.

HOLLIS – Frank reported that Hollis will be having an engineering study performed at the transfer station.

MONT VERNON – Jack mentioned that containers would be repositioned. He asked if the town or the SRLD is responsible for repairs to a chute cover and for some wiring to be done. Bruce responded that the town is responsible for the cover and for getting power to the disconnect.

#### **RECYCLING UPDATE**

Dennis provided the following prices for September:

Mixed Paper – \$5/ton

Cardboard - \$30/ton

Newspaper - \$105/ton

Dennis mentioned that he's been told that the price of cardboard is expected to increase this month. He also reported that he had taken a 5.25-ton load of milk jugs from Amherst.

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

NEW COMPACTOR – Dennis reported that the stand is set to go, and he will need to schedule Boisvert Electric and Maguire to complete installation.

#### **OPERATIONS REVIEW**

Deb provided the following trash figures for September:

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Trips</u>	<u>Ave Weight/Trip</u>
Amherst	190.44	9	21.16
Brookline	124.54	9	13.84
Hollis	217.32	13	16.72
Mont Vernon	62.82	5	12.56

**DAN'S STATE OF THE STATE** – Dan was not in attendance, but relayed to Bruce that he had introduced a bill that would allow the SRLD to exceed their budget.

**PAYABLES** - All members reviewed the current invoices. Jack made a motion to approve payment of those invoices and Frank seconded. All voted in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

FIXED ASSET DATA SHEETS – Nothing new to report.

INTEREST RATES – Deb explained that the TD Bank interest rate of 3.25% is net of 1.4% charged to offset fees. So the actual rate is 4.65%. Deb checked with other banks and found one that had a slightly better rate on their Money Market accounts but only pays 1% on their NOW accounts. She mentioned the possibility of purchasing CDs to earn a higher rate. The board will consider this as part of the budget process.

LANDFILL LOW SPOTS – Bruce will contact Don now that the area has been mowed.

SPARE MOTORS – Dennis had not had time to look into it.

NEW TRAILER – Dennis expressed his concern about the potential for fire in an aluminum trailer, especially with the volatility of lithium-ion batteries. Deb will contact Primex to confirm that the trailer would be covered for fire damage.

SCHOOL TRASH – The board started to discuss the possibility of having the SRLD bring school trash to the incinerator and charging an admin fee to the schools. But Dennis pointed out that he currently brings school trash to Fitchburg, not the incinerator, and his charge for waiting time would likely exceed the admin fee income.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

MEETING DAY/WEEK – Bruce asked if everyone would be able to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month going forward rather than the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday. All in attendance said that was fine, but a decision won't be made until the other members have a chance to respond.

2024 BUDGET DRAFT – Deb quickly reviewed the budget. Frank suggested changing Recycling Income from zero to \$30,000 since there has been income and prices seem to be increasing. The board decided to increase that line to \$40,000. With that increase and a carryover of \$100,000, the total assessment amount for 2024 is roughly equal to that for 2023. The budget will be reviewed in greater detail when more members are present.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on November 2nd at 6:00pm in Hollis.

Frank made a motion to adjourn & Guy seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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