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ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the meeting of January 8, 2003
Meeting held at Pleasant Bay Management, Addison

PRESENT: Bob Kates (Trenton), Beverly Sanborn, (Cranberry Isles), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management (PBM))

VISITORS: Sherry Churchill (HCPC), Mark Mickelinc and Jerry Worcester (Pleasant River Solid Waste Disposal District (the District))

The meeting began with a tour of the transfer station and recycling facility (the facility) located in Columbia Falls and operated by the District. All the individuals named above except Sherry participated in the tour. She joined us later at PBM for the formal meeting.

Call to order: 1:40 PM at PBM.

Approval of Minutes: Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 18, 2002 as revised on December 20, 2002.

Regular Business:

A. Information gleaned from the tour was discussed.

1. One-way traffic flow of the facility.
2. The zigzag wall adjacent to the roll-offs located on the lower level used for municipal solid waste (MSW), bulky waste, and demo debris – limits congestion and improves efficiency of the drop-off by the users.
3. The presence and use of a backhoe versus a stationary compactor. The backhoe can achieve legal weight load limits for the roll-offs and be used for other things such as snow removal. If a compactor breaks down, the operation is shut down until it is repaired and put back online. If the backhoe breaks down, the operation can continue and/until a substitute can be obtained.
4. The concrete slabs located under the stockpiles of waste wood, metals, and white goods. This eliminated the need to periodically removed contaminated soil per DEP requirements and, allows for easier loading and movement e.g. with a backhoe, of the materials.
5. The facility has two volunteers and four full-time people getting approximately 38-40 hours per week. Mr. Mickelinc and Mr. Worcester are salaried part-time employees and work as needed.
6. Seven towns participate in the District with a total population of approximately 5,000. They are Addison, Beals, Centerville, Columbia, Columbia Falls, Jonesboro, and Jonesport.
7. The facility has a “Too Good to Toss” building on site where clothing, books, etc. can be left free of charge for other people to take free of charge. Televisions are not allowed. They also have a building dedicated to disposal of universal waste for their member Towns. At some point in the near future, they are going to expand their acceptance of universal waste to include 16 additional communities.

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8. Recyclables can be disposed of at the facility at no charge to the users. The balance of the trash operates on a pay system at \$2.00 per pre-paid yellow bag for MSW. All other waste as well as non pre-paid yellow-bagged MSW is weighed in and out. The operational slogan of record for the facility is "weigh-pay-throw-go". Small scales are used at the attendants building for small amounts of waste; large truck scales are used for bigger loads.

9. They ship approximately 1,225 tons of MSW to PERC per year.

10. Leon pointed out that the District makes money from the sale of recyclables whereas Southwest Harbor pays approximately \$600 per ton for recyclable disposal.

11. The site originally started with 10 acres but after conforming to all setbacks the effective area was reduced to 5 acres.

12. The recyclables are held until the price is right before selling them. They presently store the stockpiles of recyclables outdoors under tarps. They anticipate constructing a storage building in the future.

13. The facility has a vertical baler soon to be replaced by a more efficient horizontal one at an approximate cost of \$60,000. They also have four surplus box trailers used for storage and purchased for approximately \$1,500 each.

14. MSW costs \$45/ton tipping fee plus \$17/ton transportation to dispose of for a disposal cost of \$62/ton. By recycling, the District is saving the \$62/ton disposal fee plus making money from the sale of the recyclables.

15. Three non-District Towns, Cherrfield, Milbridge, and Steuben, process their recyclables through the District at a guaranteed processing fee assessed by the District of \$37/ton. The three Towns and the District all realize a profit from this arrangement.

16. The roll-offs on site are covered. If the trash is kept dry, tonnage, hence costs are reduced.

17. It is not necessary to have the facility open for use every day. There is only so much trash and if two or three days of operation are sufficient, so be it. Any additional days just increase the operational costs of the facility.

B. Invoices from PBM for \$412.50 and the law offices of Gilbert & Greif, P.A. for \$366.75 were approved for payment. Bob made a motion, Beverly seconded it, and it was unanimously approved that Mount Desert will pay both invoices and then bill Trenton and Cranberry Isles their share based on trash tonnage from 2002. The ADD will now be paying their own bills directly, not going through the League.

C. Tony stated that he e-mailed the ADD article to Sherry for the HCPC newsletter.

D. Leon will attempt to arrange a joint meeting between the Ellsworth solid waste committee and the ADD. Two points of interest to be discussed is Ellsworth's interest in joining the ADD and the status of their transfer station e.g. are they attempting to sell it, do they plan to keep it, etc.

E. Location options for an ADD transfer station were identified as, The Town of Mount Desert, Trenton, and the National Park Service (NPS) property off the Crooked Road. Beverly is to contact Len Bobinchock of the NPS about their site and also about their

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participating as a member of the ADD, Bob is to address a Trenton site with his Board of Selectmen, and Tony is to do likewise in Mount Desert.

F. It was briefly discussed that Mount Desert could consider expanding their recycling center and ship recyclables, demo debris, bulky goods, etc. directly to a dealer. It was also discussed that Mount Desert could consider shipping MSW directly to PERC. This was considered last year during the bidding process for MSW and, at the time, did not figure to be cost-effective.

G. It was also discussed that the Towns could have annual, biannual, quarterly, etc. pick-up of wood, bulky goods, demo debris, etc. and have it hauled directly to a larger entity than EMR e.g. remove the middleman if it is cost-effective to do so.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

1:00 P.M.: Meet at the Ellsworth transfer station for a tour

Then: Move to the Hancock County Planning Commission office for the regular meeting.

Adjournment: Approximately 3:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Tony Smith, Chairman, ADD

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