

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held October 24, 2002**  
**Somesville Fire Station**

1. Call to order.  
Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. Present were Robert Kates, Trenton, and Beverly Sanborn, Cranberry Isles. Also present were Joelle Nolan and Laurie Schreiber.
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting.  
Minutes from the June 28, 2002 meeting were approved as circulated, noting that the meeting date was actually June 28, 2002.
3. Regular Business  
General Discussion of Formation of the District  
The three members present acknowledged their commitment to form Acadia Disposal District (ADD). Mr. Kates explained that he personally, along with the Town of Trenton Selectmen, expect that ADD will serve a useful function within a year. Mr. Smith stated that he believes once ADD is formed that Tremont and Southwest Harbor will join. Also, Frenchboro and Ellsworth have shown considerable interest. Mrs. Sanborn confirmed Frenchboro's interest – she had a lengthy discussion with on the island residents. Frenchboro is also interested in beginning a recycling program.

Mr. Smith referred to Leon Yeaton's June 2002 summary of "why join ADD" and offered to get copies to Mr. Kates and Mrs. Sanborn.

It was stated for the record that Mount Desert has a 5-year contract with EMR, Inc.; Trenton has a 3-year contract; and it is unclear what Cranberry Isles has. Mr. Smith suggested that Mrs. Sanborn contact EMR, Inc. and ask for a copy of whatever they have on file.

Mr. Leon Yeaton, Pleasant Bay Management, arrived. Mr. Smith asked him to describe the steps needed to formalize ADD. The first step is to have the local Boards of Selectmen sign the interlocal agreement. The Warrant Article wording approved at each Town Meeting will play a part in the process. Eventually the interlocal agreement will need to be filed with the member towns' Town Clerk and with the Secretary of State's office. Once ADD is "official", its Board will approve the by-laws. Mr. Yeaton suggested using Attorney Charles Gilbert of Gilbert Associates in Bangor. He is very familiar with this type of interlocal agreements.

Mr. Yeaton urged those present to keep the lines of communication open the Board of Selectmen. He stressed the importance of consistent communication from ADD to the individual Boards. Prior lack of interaction could have contributed to other towns withdrawing.

Mr. Kates said he met with his Board prior to this meeting and they assured him they are committed to ADD – they also approved payment of the recently submitted invoice. However, they did state that they need to see real progress with ADD within the coming year.

Mr. Yeaton reiterated the importance of keeping all Boards of Selectmen informed.

Mr. Kates suggested they brainstorm to compile a list of what ADD wants to accomplish. They concluded the following:

- Continue exploring options and cost alternatives for a regional transfer station with a complete set of services
- Increase role of recycling to include Universal Waste
- Expand membership of ADD

In response to the idea if increased recycling, Mr. Yeaton suggested that real solutions are needed prior to instituting mandatory recycling or recycling ordinances.

Mr. Smith noted that Acadia National Park had land earmarked for a transfer station. Mr. Kates suggested they look at the land soon; perhaps as field trip for the next ADD meeting.

Mr. Yeaton suggested that ADD keep a ledger and release more information to the media, including its goals.

Mr. Smith stated that he has requested a line item in his town's 2003 budget for ADD. He would like to have ADD continue to retain Mr. Yeaton's services as consultant.

4. Schedule next meeting

It was agreed to establish the third Wednesday of each month for ADD meetings. They will be held in the Meeting Room, Town Hall, Northeast Harbor and will begin at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is Wednesday, November 20, 2002.

5. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joelle D. Nolan, Secretary Pro tem