

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the meeting of December 18, 2002
(revised 12-20-02 etb)

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

VISITORS: Shari Churchill (HCPC), Ellen Brawley (MD), Barry Pollard (MD), Laurie Shaeffer, Bar Harbor Times

Call to Order: 1:00 pm

Approval of Minutes: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the minutes from November 20, 2002.

Regular Business:

a. Define role of consultant. There was consensus that when towns use Leon Yeaton's services (as in helping to set up their unified record keeping system) they should be responsible for his fees.

Motion: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to authorize chairman Tony Smith to expend up to \$500 on behalf of ADD without approval from the committee.

b. Update regarding legal work. The attorney (Gilbert) had several suggestions to make on revisions to the Interlocal agreement.

1. Remove the names of non-participating towns. (approved)
2. Change status from not-for-profit to quasi-municipal. (approved)
3. Change language re suits to include quasi-municipal limitations. (approved)
4. Add language to permit joining state retirement system. (approved)
5. Clarify meaning of municipal solid waste in contribution formula. (approved)
6. Limit withdrawals from ADD for first two years. (rejected) One reason for the rejection is that this would be a substantive change and would require a return to town meeting.
7. Extend duration of agreement to eight years. (rejected) Rejection was because the current language leaves agreement non-expiring if By-Laws are adopted.
8. Clarify formula for payment on admission to members joining later. (approved)

Motion: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to accept the changes as above, to ask Leon Yeaton to pass this on to the Mr. Gilbert with a request to return a copy of the present document with the changes highlighted so we can easily compare, and to authorize Mr. Gilbert to proceed with By-Laws as soon as the Interlocal agreement has been approved by all members.

c. Discuss information sheets from Leon Yeaton. It was agreed that we have to act now in order to be prepared when the first contracts expire in three years. Tony suggested that we should ask Lee to be the motivator, to assign tasks to members.

d. Define the purpose of ADD. Motion: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to adopt the purpose as defined in the Interlocal agreement and By-Laws as the purpose of the ADD.

Motion: Moved, seconded and voted unanimously to identify as priority a set of actions to identify and evaluate alternative waste disposal services, in keeping with our purpose.

- e. **Uniform record keeping process.** This will be helpful in that one town may be able to spot a trend which will be useful to others. In order to help with this process, Lee needs to know what version of Excel each town is using.
- f. **Schedule visits to Ellsworth and Pleasant Bay.** Tony has been unsuccessful in contacting Tim King, despite numerous attempts. The committee authorized Leon Yeaton to contact Tim, to try to set up a meeting with their solid waste committee and visit their transfer station.
The committee will hold its next meeting at Leon Yeaton's home following a visit to the Pleasant River Transfer Station on January 8th.
- g. **Interest of other Towns in the ADD.** It was agreed that they will probably express interest after the organization is going.
- h. **Draft copy of submittal to planning commission newsletter.** Tony will edit it and submit it to Shari for the newsletter.
- i. **Press releases.** The HCPC newsletter will be quarterly, at the very least we will put an article in each issue. These articles can also be press releases. Lee suggested that one member should be responsible for generating regular press releases.
- j. **Formation of the District.** Covered in earlier discussions.
- k. **Other business.** Leon distributed an MRC update memo, and highlighted two items. First is a possible model trash flow control ordinance, and discussion about whether the MRC should pick up the legal fees of the first town to be sued for implementing this ordinance. The second is the fact that PERC is up for sale, and one possibility is that MRC should purchase the facility. The pros primarily consist of an income stream between now and 2018 when the current contracts expire, and full debt-free ownership of the facility at that time. The cons include enormous possible costs down the road should more stringent environmental regulations be promulgated, and unknown revenues from sale of electricity when the current contract to sell well above market price expires, also in 2018.

Next Meeting: January 8th at Pleasant River. Leaving Northeast Harbor at 9:00 am.

Adjournment: 3:03

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley