

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2002

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (Mount Desert), Mike Chammings (Tremont), Lyle Dever (SWH), Bob Kates (Trenton), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management),

ABSENT: Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles)

VISITORS: Sherry Churchill (HCPC), Mike Mains (Eden Consulting)

Call to Order: 1:00pm.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

A. Universal Waste, update

Tony attended the meeting put together by HCPC. Sherry said that it looks as if Hancock County may be fortunate in the long term in having Crowe International enter into a contract with Environ (a Portland concern) to service a drop off site. Short term, we might be able to use the grant money to rent containers to place around the county for a one shot universal waste collection.

B. Regional Transfer Station, discussion

Letters are in from all our towns. The Ellsworth Council meets tonight, and Leon expects to hear from the mayor shortly about setting up the committee.

C. Mount Desert Informational Meeting, briefing

The meeting went well. It was attended by people from Mount Desert, Bar Harbor and Southwest Harbor. It was asked whether all the towns will vote on the same document or whether it will be tweaked as we go along. Tony and Ellen had said it could be tweaked as we went along, but we have since determined that they were in error.

One citizen expressed concern over the excessive power vested in the ADD Board by the Interlocal Agreement. In discussion, the committee agreed that we might address these concerns by

1. requiring that any single capital expenditure over \$_____ would require the approval of the selectmen or perhaps the League of Towns
and
2. requiring that bringing the total indebtedness over \$_____ would require approval by the voters in a referendum.
and
3. allowing each town to choose whether to elect or appoint board members.

The committee agreed that if questions such as these come up in the individual town meetings, we should have the Selectmen primed to say "Good point! We'll take it upon ourselves to see that these issues are addressed before we sign the agreement." It was agreed that it might work well to have the League of Towns work out the details.

D. Other

Mike Mains of Eden Environmental Consulting introduced himself, and expressed his interest in solid waste matters. Sherry said there will be another Universal Waste meeting at the end of the month.

Motion to move to executive session: 1:37 pm

Return from executive session: 2:45 pm.

Motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously

That Tony meet alone with Lee Worcester as soon as possible to convey the committee's consensus and concerns.

Motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously

That the chairman send a letter to EMR containing the two motions passed by the committee on January 28, 2002.

Motion made, seconded, and carried unanimously

To authorize Leon Yeaton to contact Pine Tree to request proposals for each town, for curbside pickup and transportation of MSW, both to Ellsworth and to PERC.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:00

Next Meeting: February 25th, 2002 at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley