

**Approved 4-22-2003**

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2003  
Somesville Fire House**

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

**VISITORS:** Scott Harper (Tremont), Shari Churchill (HCPC), Ellen Brawley (MD)

**Call to Order:** 10:04 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes: Motion:** (Kates, Sanborn) approved 3-0 to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2003 meeting, incorporating minor changes by Leon Yeaton.

**Regular Business:**

- a. The committee voted 3-0 in an email and telephone poll to accept the Interlocal agreement as amended at the 2-19-03 meeting. **Motion:** (Sanborn, Kates) to confirm the acceptance. Approved 3-0. **Motion:** (Kates, Smith) asking Lee to clarify the use of the terms “charter municipalities” and “member municipalities” to be sure the terms are used correctly.
- b. ADD bylaws are still being worked on by the lawyer.
- c. Lee has been to Tremont to install the uniform record keeping procedure, they are now up to speed. **Motion:** (Smith, Sanborn) to require all member communities to adopt, install and use the uniform record keeping system. Approved 3-0.
- d. Tony said he had written a letter to Greg Lounder thanking him for coming to the last meeting, encouraging him to attend future meetings, inviting Ellsworth to become a member of ADD, and expressing our interest in the Ellsworth transfer station should it fit into the grand scheme of things.
- e. Lee Yeaton reported on a number of bills which had been submitted which would have placed severe restrictions on PERC in an attempt to make statewide regulations to control MERC. MRC opposed all these bills. All were reported out of committee with a recommendation not to pass. Lee said that PERC runs very well, largely because of MRC’s input. It is possible that the sale of PERC will not happen after all, because NRG considers it a cash cow.
- f. Tony asked Scott Harper whether Tremont will vote on ADD again in this year’s Town Meeting. Scott said they are working on the warrant now. Tony encouraged him to put the article on the warrant.
- g. Bob reported on a meeting with the Trenton selectmen. He reported on our activities and solicited some information from them: they would be willing (if not enthusiastic) to site a transfer station in Trenton provided that it was not located on Route 3, and that it did not work out to use the Ellsworth transfer station. They would be interested in working with the Ellsworth transfer station, either with ADD or independently. They could see the need for a town Solid Waste Committee.

- h. Tony asked Scott how Tremont would feel about siting a transfer station in their town. Scott said there is very little if any land available for that purpose, the only pieces large enough belong to Gott.
- i. There was considerable discussion about the Town Hill site. The MDI Housing Authority has expressed interest in using it for affordable housing, but this could not happen unless all four island towns relinquish it. Scott said it was originally deeded to the four towns for use as a transfer station. Lee said that this committee hasn't felt it was usable for four reasons: The Crooked Road cannot handle the traffic; there has been too much development along the Crooked Road; the site is located in non-member community Bar harbor; and the site has no access. Tony said that his town manager, Mike McDonald, suggested access might be able to be provided from Route 102 via some sort of a land swap deal. Tony will investigate this site further prior to the next meeting, looking at the tax map etc.
- j. Lee shared his priorities for the committee, starting with the necessity of becoming legal ASAP. He will send a copy of that report to all present.
- k. Shari encouraged the committee to look very hard at Ellsworth, as all our trash must go past that site. Bob pointed out that we have to formulate our own bargaining position in regard to the Ellsworth facility, we can't wait for them to make us an offer. He and Shari will get information on the Ellsworth transfer station: a site plan, a copy of the permit, the permitting costs, the design costs and the construction costs. That information will give us something to work from. Tony guesstimated that it would cost at least \$750,000 to build our own station.
- l. Tony and Lee will meet soon to list our options, and the pros and cons for each. Choices Tony sees are
  - 1. Build our own facility
  - 2. Ellsworth transfer station
  - 3. Contract with EMR as a district
  - 4. Buy EMR.
- m. Assignments before the next meeting:
  - a. Tony: Town Hill site information, Information about purchase of EMR
  - b. Bob: Ellsworth Transfer Station information
  - c. Beverly: come back with status of contracts for Cranberry Isles with EMR and PERC.

**Next Meeting: April 23, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. at the Somesville Fire House.**

**Adjournment: 12:00 noon**

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley