

**Approved 09-17-2003**

**ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003  
at Somesville Fire House**

**PRESENT:** Scott Harper (Tremont), Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Leon Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management), Ellen Brawley (clerk), Sherry Churchill (HCPC)

**ABSENT:** Bob Kates (Trenton)

**VISITORS:** Frank Gray, John Buckwalter and Elliott Spiker (Tremont Solid Waste Committee)

**CALL TO ORDER:** 1:35 pm

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion:** (Sanborn, Smith) approved 2-0 to approve the minutes from the July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003 meeting as distributed.

**REVISION OF JUNE MINUTES: Motion** (Sanborn, Smith) approved 2-0 to revise the minutes of the June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003 meeting to replace “President or Chairman” with “Treasurer or Chairman” in paragraph a. 4. Ellen will redistribute the minutes including all the approved changes.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

**Report from Lee Yeaton:** Lee and Tony both went to a pre-meeting before the “Zero Waste Forum”, Tony also went to the forum itself. They were generally disappointed at the misleading title, and the lack of attention to the economics of waste reduction. It was generally agreed that recycling must be less costly than sending waste to PERC or it won’t work. Lee went to the first meeting of the Tremont Solid Waste Committee, and is delighted at their interest and enthusiasm.

Information program update: some data is still missing from Tremont.

**Organizational Status:** The signed copy of Tremont’s addendum is in. The board won’t vote full acceptance until they have also paid their share of the startup costs. The board still needs the minutes of the meeting appointing Beverly as director, and the original signed copy of the Interlocal Agreement from Cranberry Isles.

We have received our organizational papers from the state, and are now officially a district.

**Discussion of Information Sheets:** There was general discussion. A “Too Good to Toss” station needs to be manned, but needn’t be open full time. It also requires a method to get rid of the stuff that isn’t taken. One of the Tremont committee members asked whether Pay as you Throw costs are backed out of the taxes. Lee pointed out that the town of Addison no longer budgets any net waste disposal costs, the costs are covered by the Pay as you Throw program for MSW, and sales of recyclables.

**Status of EMR and Ellsworth:** The acting city manager in Ellsworth sent a letter to Tony indicating that he will pass our correspondence on to a new manager when he is hired, but that in the meantime, they can do nothing.

Scott and Tony will meet with Lee Worcester. His objections that we were not a legal entity have been taken care of; it's time for EMR to talk to us if they are interested in a sale.

It was suggested that Gott might sell us a site for a transfer station if EMR is not interested.

**Household Hazardous Waste Update:** Sherry said that HCPC and the League of Towns are organizing a HHW cleanup for November, either the 15<sup>th</sup> or the 8<sup>th</sup>, at Somesville Fire Station. The details are still being worked out. She pointed out that we need a permanent storage facility, and we should plan for that when we have a transfer station. There might be state funds for HHW infrastructure in 2006.

**Recent Laws:** The ban on the sale of arsenic treated wood goes into effect 1/1/2004. There is a committee investigating the disposal of such wood.

The universal waste rules go into effect in 2005. Few communities have facilities to deal with universal waste (fluorescent bulbs, mercury, computer screens). There is a facility in Hancock that will take universal waste once a month from 8 to 12 in the morning, for a fee.

**MRC:** Lee suggested we should put an MRC item on the agenda for each meeting. PERC is being sold, because the primary owner got burnt in the energy mess caused by Enron etc. MRC stands to gain substantially by such a sale, as they have a 25% share. The state is buying the GNP landfill in Old Town and getting Casella to run it. This will give PERC a site for disposal of ash through 2018.

**NEXT MEETING: 1:30 pm, third Wednesday in September (September 17, 2003)  
Somesville Fire House.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 3:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk