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ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 17, 2005 at the Somesville Fire Station

PRESENT: Ellen Brawley (clerk), Lyle Dever (SWH), Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Elliott Spiker (Tremont), Lee Yeaton (Pleasant Bay Management)

ABSENT: Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles), Bob Kates (Trenton, excused)

VISITORS: Lee Worcester and Damaris Smith (EMR), Sherry Churchill (HCPC), Bill McGuinness (Cranberry Isles)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30

MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 20th, after amendment to change “ now be eager” to read “ be interested” in second paragraph of the section on page 2 entitled “City of Ellsworth”. Carried 3-0.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

Presentation of Annual Report: The directors thanked Chairman Smith for an excellent report.

MOTION: To accept the Annual Report. Carried 3-0.

Presentation of audit: Treasurer Spiker presented the auditor’s report, Appendix 1 of the Annual Report. He said that the startup costs have been amortized over 10 years, and that the amortization for 2004 is \$408.

2005 Budget: Treasurer Spiker presented the budget, Appendix 2 of the annual report. He said there is \$4423.89 carried forward from 2004, which leaves us \$16,670.65 to be raised.

MOTION: To accept the 2005 Budget as presented. Carried 3-0.

HHW and UW collection day: Sherry Churchill of HCPC said that the League of Towns has approved \$2800 toward the setup costs of the HHW collection (based on the current bid from Clean Harbors). The collection will take place on October 1st. They are looking into having the collection at MDI High School, that is contingent upon no interfering athletic events. Sherry will know by March 1st. She’s looking into backup locations, including the former composting site in Halls Cove and the Mount Desert Public Works Garage. Lee Worcester also volunteered a site at EMR. It is important that there should be a safe traffic pattern into, through and out of the site. She expressed a hope that ADD will help man the site.

After the setup costs, the disposal costs will be allocated to the participating towns in accordance with their utilization. To facilitate this, individuals will be asked to preregister, and to identify themselves and their town when they arrive. The state is offering a matching grant to reimburse communities for HHW/UW collections. HCPC will put together a package, and the League of Towns should submit an application after the collection.

Composting: Sherry is also working with Bar Harbor, the SPO, DEP and the Jackson Lab on a pilot composting project for this summer. She has identified 20 restaurants who have expressed some interest, though there are currently no incentives other than environmental stewardship.

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She is also working with the food community group (part of MDI Tomorrow) to identify food flow – sources, uses and waste. HCPC will be applying for a grant from the USDA to put together a sustainable system. They don't yet have any site. She said that it would be helpful if other towns would also participate.

Elliott pointed out the MRRA offer to sell "Earth Machine" composters for \$36.50. Tony said that Mount Desert will be buying 20 for sale to residents. It was agreed that the tonnage home composting can remove from the waste stream is substantial.

MOTION: That each ADD director should encourage his/her town to participate in the Earth Machine project. Carried 3-0.

Status of EMR negotiations: Lee Worcester soon will be conveying stuff to Andy Hamilton to be sent on to us. He said that Trenton has extended its contract with EMR for two years, so their contract expires at the same time as the other ADD towns with EMR contracts.

OCC: Lee Worcester passed out a sheet showing the increase of OCC handled by EMR from Jan 2004 to Jan 2005. The overall increase is 13 tons, or 344%. This doesn't include the OCC from its recycling center sent by Mount Desert to Bangor. Clearly the ban is working. Most drivers are getting into the swing of it, and the hauling companies are cooperating.

Status of Door to Door Pickup: Lee has all the information except from Tremont. Elliott will be submitting that in a few weeks. They are working on a E-911 database which will facilitate this information. Tony and Elliott agreed to work with Lee to review the previous bids and put a bid package together. Lee recommends asking only one company for an informational bid.

MOTION: That we solicit an informational bid ASAP, both with and without the inclusion of Cranberry Isles. Carried 3-0.

MOTION: That we ask Leon Yeaton to investigate possible solutions for the rest of our trash (non-MSW). Carried 3-0.

Meeting with Professor Criner: It was agreed that Thur or Fri, March 3rd or 4th would work.

Consultant Report: Lee passed out a copy of the report Prof. Criner and some students did on the impact of PAYT. He suggested we read it before the meeting in Orono.

He suggested we should try to get a program going to get schools and offices to recycle office paper. He was told that we have no market for the paper.

He went to Lamoine. Their transfer station site is permitted by DEP, and they have a contract with Pine Tree. He said there was some interest in having an ADD transfer station in Lamoine if they were to join ADD.

The Maine Recyclathon will be in Bar Harbor May 2nd and 3rd. ADD should urge directors to go. Sherry will send a draft agenda.

He said we should consider whether we are doing enough for Cranberry Isles. Tony and Bill McGuinness will get together to discuss some ideas.

He pointed out that we must do a lot of education about a user fee system before we decide whether we want one. He wondered if we could work into it gradually, perhaps by cutting out the 2000 lb bulky allowance at EMR.

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Lee said that the MRC towns delivered 110% of their GAT in 2004. Some revenue will be going back to all member towns. The membership has increased from 9- ten years ago to 170 members now. MRC is overseeing about \$33 million for the towns. If any is left in 2018, the remainder will be returned to the towns.

Assignments per Director:

Tony Smith, Elliott Spiker and Lee Yeaton: Door-to-door informational bid.

All: Get documentation of Selectmen's approval for MRC voting.

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 pm, March 17, 2005 at the Somesville Fire House.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:45

Respectfully submitted

Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk