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ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 19, 2005 at the Somesville Fire Station

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

ABSENT: Beverly Sanborn (Cranberry Isles).

VISITORS: Lee Worcester (EMR), Beth Gott (Gott's Disposal). Sherry Churchill (HCPC), John Buchwalter (Tremont)

CALL TO ORDER: 1:33

MOTION: To approve the minutes of April 21st, 2005. Carried 4-0.

Treasurer's Report: Elliott provided a copy of the check register for the year. He also provided a draft statement of the bills he is about to send to the towns.

MOTION: (Dever, Kates) To accept the Treasurer's Report. Carried 4-0.

Status of EMR negotiations: Tony shared a memo to the Treasurer recommending that we take the potential purchase of the EMR facility off the table for consideration.

MOTION: (Smith, Spiker) That we remove the purchase of the EMR facility from consideration. Carried 4-0.

Lee Yeaton Report: Pine Tree is not interesting in an informational bid on door-to-door. Beth Gott said that she'd respond as soon as she received the mileage information from Lee. Ellsworth might be interested in non-MSW waste. Lee has also called Mark Wright Disposal in Columbia. Lee Worcester indicated that EMR would be interested in contracting for non-MSW waste as well as MSW. John Buchwalter expressed concern that many people in Maine are trying very hard to limit Casella, and that we should be careful about contracting with them.

The directors agreed to have a workshop on May 26 at 1:30 in Somesville to explore all current possibilities for waste disposal of all sorts. Sherry said we should have a copy of the Ellsworth RFP for management of their transfer station.

MRRA Convention: Tony was ill, so Elliott did an excellent job of presenting his talk. Bob and Beth both went to a composting workshop, and found people very discouraged at the lack of progress. Bob pointed out to us that the only way to get recycling increased is to lay the responsibility and cost on manufacturers.

MRC GAT Trading Period: If we send over 125% of our GAT to PERC, our contract includes a provision where they could cut us off. If we are under our GAT, we can be penalized. In 2004, we delivered 114% of our GAT. If we had set the GAT at the amount we delivered, we could have saved about \$4500. It was agreed, however, that our delivered waste should be less this year because of the cardboard ban.

MOTION: (Dever, Kates) To leave the GAT as it is for the current year. Carried 4-0.

There was some concern that towns may have forgotten that ADD has taken responsibility for negotiating the GAT. Directors are asked to make sure the towns do not act independently. Lee will ask MRC to switch the addresses at MRC so we get all the communications.

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OCC Figures: The figures we have collected do not reflect the town of Mt Desert OCC collection at the Sargeant Drive recycling center. For a more accurate summation of our results, the EMR figures and the Sargeant Drive figures should be added together (this is difficult as figures are provided as the tubs are collected, rather than monthly.) Lee Yeaton and Lee Worcester will send figures for Jan-Mar 2005 to Sherry for the HCPC newsletter.

The Tremont recycling is doing very well, both cardboard and paper.

Composting: Both Mount Desert and Southwest Harbor are selling backyard composters to their citizens. It was agreed that ADD should encourage all our towns to do the same next year.

Timetable: We will agree on a timetable for each of the currently remaining collection/transport/disposal options at the workshop on May 26th.

Figures for annual dues: It was agreed to use the PERC figures as provided by EMR (on the ADD spreadsheet) to set the percentage of the budget to be paid by each town. Lee Worcester will provide the 2004 figures to Elliott for the bills he is about to send out.

Assignments Per Director:

All directors: Ideas (however whacky) for discussion at 5/26 meeting.
Lee Yeaton: information to Beth Gott
OCC data to Sherry Churchill

NEXT MEETING: 1:30 pm, June 16 at the Somesville Fire House. Guest speaker: Victor Horton, Executive Director of MRRA, to discuss recycling.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:12

Respectfully submitted, Ellen T. Brawley, Clerk