

Present: John Alphin, Jan Ameen, Jamie Cahillane, Tracy DeMaio, Amy Donovan, Justine Fallon, Juliette Haas, Arlene Miller, Michael Pattavina, Barry Searle, Veronique Blanchard Smith, Greg Superneau and Eric Weiss.

Guest: Janine Greaves from Greenfield DPW

Agenda:

Eric called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the March 28, 2013 meeting were approved as presented. (Jan/Barry)
- B. Treasurer's Report: Jan passed out a treasurer's report for review. She discussed several issues including:
 1. Springfield had paid some of their public education (PE) fee that was owed but still owes \$1,278.69. Justine has sent an invoice to Springfield for the remaining amount. Chicopee has paid the entire amount. The MAB will have collected 100% of the PE fee owed once Springfield pays.
 2. Jan reported that the \$5,000 contribution offered by Waste Management to the mini grant project has been received.
 3. Amy suggested that we order 1000 additional copies of the Gazette RRR for education use. There was discussion and all agreed that we should get a quote before we discuss this further.
 4. There was discussion about other items we might want to order at this time. Justine mentioned that she needs a few things for MRF tours such as pencils. A motion was made (Jan/Juliette) to authorize Arlene to order recycling and bottle and can decals out of the FY 2013 budget but the order should not exceed \$500. The motion passed.
- C. MRF Operations and Market Update: Justine reported.
 1. Justine reported that the MRF is currently "packed" with bottles and cans that are coming to Birnie Ave. from the single stream operation at Automated. It is becoming a challenge. There were both equipment and volume issues but those have been addressed.
 2. West Springfield began its single stream program on April 1st and has increased its recycling by 112%. So far the reports on the quality of material coming into Automated from West Springfield have been good.
 3. MRF tonnage was up in April with 2000 tons coming from dual stream towns and 1400 tons coming from single stream towns. The markets were also up slightly with dual stream revenue at \$25/ton. The May markets were down again however.
 4. Michael suggested that we consider accepting some new material at the MRF and he mentioned pots and pans. Justine asked the MAB to wait to add any new materials to the mix because of all of the adjustments being made at this time related to the increase in single stream materials.
 5. Bulky rigid plastics was discussed. Justine reported that this material is not moving at all and that it is currently a very challenging market.
- D. FY 2014 MAB Budget: Jan distributed and reviewed a draft FY 2014 budget. There was a lengthy discussion. It was agreed that the newsletter would be electronic going forward. It was agreed to place \$40,000 in special projects, recognizing that this would reduce carry over. The MAB agreed to hold the final vote on the budget until the June meeting.
- E. Single Stream Update: Michael reported that since West Springfield began SS on April 1st, trash is down 12.5% and recycling has increased by 112%. Eric reported that he does not yet have numbers to report for the Westhampton conversion to SS (also on April 1st), but that the residents love it.
- F. Mini Grant Update: Arlene reported that the final reports for the mini grants are due on June 30th.
- G. Public Education Fee Memo: Justine passed out a draft public education fee memo for single stream communities. There was a general discussion. It was agreed that the MAB would review this again in June and make a decision at that time.
- H. Other: Juliette reported that the Berkshire Eagle printed a few of our RRR articles as part of their Earth Day publication. All agreed that this was a very important mini step toward having the Berkshire Eagle produce a full RRR.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2013.

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller