

MAB Meeting Minutes  
September 19, 2013  
Meeting Room  
Haydenville, MA

Accepted as presented at the October 17, 2013 meeting.

Present: Jan Ameen, Jamie Cahillane, Tracy DeMaio, Amy Donovan, Justine Fallon, Janine Greaves, Arlene Miller, Michael Pattavina, Veronique Blanchard Smith, and Eric Weiss.

Agenda:

Eric called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the August 22, 2013 meeting were approved (Jan/Justine) as corrected.
- B. Treasurer's Report:
  - 1. Jan passed out a treasurer's report, which she reviewed. There were no changes to the budget numbers.
  - 2. Jan reported that she has not yet changed the MAB banking account over to the United Bank of Springfield.
  - 3. Justine added that there are 4 towns with outstanding public education fees due. She has spoken individually with each one and has assisted them with a resolution.
- C. MRF Operations: Justine reported.
  - 1. Justine reported that the revenue share for dual stream communities for August was \$21.77. The ONP #6 news has been flat—no increase or decrease. The markets are not really changing
  - 2. For the month of August, dual stream communities delivered 1400 tons of paper, and 750 T of bottles and cans to the Birnie. Avenue MRF. Single stream (SS) tonnage for August was 1,428 tons. The Springfield schools have all switched to single stream.
  - 3. ONP #8 question was discussed. Justine said there has not been any talk between MassDEP and Waste Management of switching the index for dual stream at this time. Mike Moores has assured Justine that there will be plenty of lead-time before any switch is made for WM, DEP and the MAB to have discussions and negotiations. Once the 2015 contract takes effect, both dual and SS will be using the #8 ONP index.
  - 4. Justine reported that Waste Management has discontinued all of its E-Waste operations at Automated. It is speculated that because the SS volume is so high at Automated that some of the space from the old E-Waste operation will be reconfigured to help with the SS operation.
  - 5. Michael P. asked if now is a good time to approach WM about expanding the recycling mix to include small metal such as pots and pans and/or bulky rigid plastics. Justine explained that bulky rigid plastic require a lot of storage space and the markets for that material are not very good at this time so the material is not moving. She also advised that the MAB should initiate this discussion with WM perhaps with a letter to Mike Moores or to one of his superiors. A motion was made (Mike/Veronique) to have the MAB generate a letter to Mike Moores, requesting that WM consider adding pots, pans and bulky rigid plastics to the mix of acceptable materials at the MRF. The motion passed.
- D. Representation: Eric passed around a draft list of who on the Board represents which towns. A motion was made (Arlene/Tracy) to accept the list as presented. The motion passed.
- E. MAB FY 2014 Programs: Jan reviewed the budget numbers both for projects (\$40,000) and outreach (\$10,000). This budget information helped us frame the general discussion that followed.

1. A motion was made (Arlene/Jan) to instruct the education subcommittee to update the MRF brochure and to create a post card for haulers using the updated information. The motion passed.
  2. The Board agreed by consensus that the focus of the “projects” budget for FY 2014 should be public education and out reach. The education subcommittee will meet before the next board meeting and present some ideas.
- F. MAB newsletter: Justine reviewed the status of the new electronic newsletter. She and the others working on the newsletter asked board members to send e-mail addresses to Tracy to be added to the distribution list. There was a general discussion about the newsletter.
- G. 2013 America Recycles Day event: There was a general discussion about several aspects of the event including the keynote speaker and the guest list. Several very worthwhile speakers were suggested. The event planning committee will proceed to contact those folks as suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35AM.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2013.**

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller