

Present: John Alphin, Jamie Cahillane, Tracy DeMaio, Amy Donovan, Justine Fallon, Janine Greaves, Arlene Miller, Michael Pattavina, Barry Searle, and Eric Weiss.

Agenda:

Eric called the meeting to order at 11:10AM

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the December 19, 2014 meeting were approved (Mike/Barry) as presented.
- B. Treasurer's Report: There was no Treasurer's report for this meeting.
- C. MRF Operations: Justine reported.
  1. Justine reported that the market index prices were flat. Revenue share for dual stream communities for December was \$22.47 and single stream was zero. Dual stream tonnage for December was 2500 tons and for single stream the total was 1400 tons. For the past 6 months the revenue share total was \$293,000 and for calendar year 2013 it was \$583,000. For calendar year 2014, dual stream tonnage was about 26,000 and single stream tonnage was 16,000.
  2. Justine reported that operationally all things were going well both at the MRF and at Automated.
  3. Justine reported that they will be adding more collections to the bulky rigid plastic pilots. The new pilot will be in the Berkshires and Franklin County. Michael inquired if we should consider asking the MRF operator to do a pilot with pots and pans. Janine asked about also doing a pilot collecting pellet bags. There was a general discussion. Justine requested that Mike draft a letter to Waste Management expressing the request for the two pilots. Mike agreed to draft the letter. This should serve to formalize the request to add these additional materials.
  4. Justine reported that there have not been any weather related issues at the MRF or Automated.
- D. MAB newsletter: Justine and Arlene reported that the winter newsletter should be ready for distribution before the end of January.
- E. Single Stream Update: Eric reported that the town of Huntington received a MassDEP grant for a compactor for single stream recycling. They will be converting in the near future. Barry S. reported that the City of Westfield is preparing to convert to single stream but the date is uncertain. He said they plan to use Cascade as the toter vendor but funds have not been formally approved. Jamie reported that New Marlboro might also convert to single stream.
- F. MAB FY 2014 Outreach committee: Justine reported that the education committee will be meeting directly after the MAB meeting. They are working on a survey or some vehicle to help them determine how many of each product they should produce.
- G. MAB Meeting dates: The dates for the MAB meetings for the next 5 months were finalized. They are February (no meeting), March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, May no meeting, and June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- H. RRR: There was a general discussion about the work related to the production of the annual Earth Day RRR. Neither the Springfield Republican nor the Hampshire Gazette had been contacted to initiate RRR discussions at this time. Arlene said she would contact the Republican. Amy will contact the Gazette. There was a discussion about the funding for ads in both papers. A motion was made (Mike/Jamie) to fund placing the same size ad as was placed in previous years in both the Gazette and the Republican. The motion passed.
- I. Other: Arlene announced that the next western MA MRC meeting would be held on February 11<sup>th</sup> at EcoBuilding bargains.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10AM.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2014.**

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller