

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

Agenda:

Eric called the meeting to order at 10:00AM he explained how this would be his last MAB meeting since he has accepted a job with the Massachusetts Educational Collaborative to begin shortly. The Board thanked Eric for his many years of service and congratulated him on his new position.

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the June 19, 2014 meeting were approved (Jamie/Barry) as corrected.
- B. Treasurer's Report: Jan handed out a treasurer's report. Jan reviewed our FY 2014 expenses and income as well as FY 2015 projections. She pointed out that the MAB enters FY 2015 in a very good financial position.
- C. MRF Issues: Justine gave an over view of activities at the MRF and her report included the following:
  1. Revenue share for dual stream was \$24.15 and there was no revenue share for the single stream communities. Tonnage was 2,100T for DS and 1,400T for SS.
  2. Justine passed out the 6-month revenue share report. Checks will be mailed to communities on August 15, 2014. A few SS communities will have to be invoiced.
  3. Justine reported that the rigid plastics are doing well. She and Chris L. are working on the specs so we can inform other MRF towns that they can now collect rigids for recycling at the MRF. Once the specs have been developed—she will send them around to MAB members. In order for the bulky rigids to be processed efficiently—they need to be collected as a source separated material for delivery to the MRF. The bulky rigid tonnage amounts will be added to the community's bottle and can numbers. If isolated rigid plastics numbers are desired by the town—they would be indicated only on the weight slip from the MRF when they are delivered. Towns would have to collect those slips from the driver for their records.
  4. Veronique reported that Gold Circuit Recycling in Ludlow has purchased a Styrofoam compressing machine and is taking the Styrofoam from South Hadley's transfer station for free. He will be invited to write an article for the fall newsletter.
  5. MRF contract extension: A letter will be sent to towns in August about the new contract. Justine will send a draft to MAB members for review. There was discussion about the need for a town meeting vote approval for the contract. Most members did not think a town meeting vote was required for this contract.
- D. MAB Newsletter: There was a general discussion about the newsletter. All members were reminded to send names to Tracy that could be added to the newsletter distribution list. A few article suggestions included sharps and Styrofoam recycling.
- E. DEP grant update: There was a general discussion about the DEP grant and specifically the Recycling Dividends Program. Some felt that the criteria was weighted in favor of towns that spent more on their programs rather than those that created efficiencies to maximize program and minimize costs. Arlene reported that the MassDEP Technical Assistance applications would be available in early July.
- F. Education and Outreach: Justine and Tracy distributed drafts of the outreach material that has been developed and will be offered to MRF towns for FREE. They asked MAB members to spread the word to the towns they represent about this fabulous offer and the deadline-which was agreed to be July 31<sup>st</sup>. At that time, the deadline might be extended if need be. All agreed that September 1<sup>st</sup> would be the "drop-dead" deadline.
- G. America Recycles Day (ARD) event: There was a general discussion about the November ARD event to be held this year on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Delaney house. Justine, Juliette, Tracy and Arlene volunteered to work on the event. There was discussion about food, theme and guests. It was agreed to use this event to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the MRF. Former MAB members and folks involved in the "early days" should be invited. It was also agreed that we would not do the Outstanding Recycler of the Year Awards but concentrate our energy on the celebration.
- H. MAB elections: With Eric leaving the MAB, all agreed we needed to hold new election of officers. Nominations were made and the following folks were elected unanimously:  
Chairman: Greg Superneau  
Vice Chairman: Jamie Cahillane  
Treasurer: Jan Ameen.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25AM. **Our next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2014.**

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller