

MAB Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2014  
DPW Meeting Room  
Northampton, MA

Accepted as corrected at the October 16, 2014 meeting.

Present: Jan Ameen, Veronique Blanchard, Jamie Cahillane, Tracy DeMaio, Amy Donovan, Janine Greaves, Juliette Haas, Arlene Miller, Michael Pattavina, Barry Searle, and Greg Superneau.

Guest: Mike Moores, Springfield MRF Operations Manager

Agenda:

Greg called the meeting to order at 10:30AM

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the July 17, 2014 meeting were approved (Mike/Juliette) as presented.
- B. Public Comments: There were no public comments offered.
- C. MRF Contract Letter: There was a discussion about edits to the draft MAB letter that would accompany the DEP MRF contract renewal letter. Several edits were offered and approved. A motion was made (Veronique/Jamie) to send the letter as amended. The motion passed. It was also agreed that both municipal officials and recycling contacts should receive the contract packet.
- D. Treasurer's Report: Jan distributed the most recent treasurer's report and said that every thing was good. Jan reported that she had invoiced the single stream communities for their public education fees and most checks have been received. She also pointed out that Eric's signature is on the account. A motion was made (Mike/Barry) to remove Eric's and add Greg's signature. The motion passed.
- E. MRF Operations: Mike Moores reported.
  1. Mike reported that operations are going well. He said that the revenue share for the past month was \$24.98 and the total tonnage was 3,346 tons.
  2. Mike reported that a few operational improvements have been made at Tremont Street to help with productivity and that has been good. At Birnie Ave., they are concentrating on cleaner separation of plastics and are shipping fewer plastics to China and more to domestic markets.
  3. There was a general discussion about Justine's position and MRF tours. Arlene mentioned that she has received quite a few requests for tours. All agreed that the tours are an important educational tool and should be continued as soon as possible.
  4. There was a discussion about the soon to begin bulky rigid plastic collections. Justine and Chris Lucarelle have developed a list of specification for bulky rigid plastic collection. Justine passed off this task to Arlene when she left. The MAB reviewed the specifications and made some edits. The revised list will go back to Mike and Chris at Waste Management and a final list will be ready (hopefully) for the October MAB newsletter. Collections could begin this Fall.
- F. Blue Box News: There was a general discussion about the October newsletter. The newsletter committee will aim for a mid-October distribution date.
- G. MAB FY 2014 Outreach Committee: Tracy represented the committee and presented an update. Most materials are ready to be ordered. It is anticipated that materials will be available for distribution around the time of America Recycles Day. Tracy asked all MAB members to assist with the distribution and contacting of their towns. All agreed to help.
- H. America Recycles Day/MRF 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event: Arlene, Juliette and Tracy reported about progress being made on the November 20<sup>th</sup> event. Juliette presented a draft logo/banner and all liked it. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be the theme. Arlene asked for help with contact information of some former MAB members. All agreed to help.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2014 in Northampton.**

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller