

MAB Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

Approved as presented at the 6/18/15 MAB meeting.

DPW Meeting Room

Northampton, MA

Present: Jan Ameen, Jamie Cahillane, Kathleen Casey, Tracy DeMaio, Amy Donovan, Janine Greaves, Arlene Miller, Greg Superneau and Susan Waite.

Guest: Mike Moores (MRF Supervisor)

Agenda: ``

Greg Superneau, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00AM

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the March 19, 2015 meeting were approved (Jan/Tracy) as presented.
- B. Public Comments: There were no public comments offered.
- C. Treasurer's Report: Jan passed out a Treasurer's report for review. She pointed out that very little has changed since the report one month ago.
- D. MRF Operations: Mike Moores presented.
  1. Mike reported that operations are going more smoothly now that the weather is warmer. Materials are coming in just fine.
  2. Mike reported on the current decisions related to the Newark Group issue we have been discussing. Waste Management has made a decision to invest money into the fiber line at Birnie Ave. After July 1, 2015, all dual stream fiber will come to Birnie and be baled for shipment to markets. All single stream material will continue to be delivered to Automated and sent on to the MRF in Bellerica. Some of the baling equipment at Automated will come to Birnie Ave. Some #8 news from Birnie Ave will go to a market in Albany. Some baled brown paper will go to Sonoco in Holyoke. There will be some baling at Automated as well. There was a general discussion that followed this report.
  3. Bulky rigid plastic collections were discussed. The group reviewed the delivery policy-"call before you are coming so the line is ready to take the material". Car seats are acceptable but the seats (fabric) and belts need to be removed.
  4. Mike reported that the commodity markets are still flat. Revenue for April is at \$20/ton.
  5. The July-December 2014 MRF revenue checks have been mailed.
  6. Arlene reported that to date, 31 towns have signed the new MRF contract and that includes the single stream towns that had signed previously. If towns do not sign by June 30<sup>th</sup>, we are not sure what their contract provisions will be.
- E. Education and Outreach committee report. It was confirmed that Amy, Tracy, Jamie and Veronique are continuing as members of this committee. Jamie reported that he has successfully delivered the outreach materials to the town of Mt. Washington.
- F. RRR: Amy reported that both projects are complete. She encouraged everyone to buy a copy of the April 21 Gazette and the April 22 Republican. This remains one of our most effective outreach projects.
- G. MAB Vacancy: Greg announced that Michael Pattavina has left his job in West Springfield so is no longer able to represent that area on the Board. There was a general discussion about recruiting a new member.
- H. Web site update: Amy reported that several updates and improvements have been made to the web site. For instance, the meeting notices have been posted properly. She reiterate that updates to the contact information on the web site "map" will no longer include the name of the department head in charge but just the department. Since municipal positions often change, this will allow us to keep

current for longer periods of time. Arlene was asked to send Amy the revised “What to do With” article for posting on the web site.

- I. Newsletter update: The newsletter committee set a target date of mid-May for the next newsletter. Suggested articles included:
  - a. 2015 RRR
  - b. Northampton re-store opening
  - c. MassDEP grants offered
  - d. Single Stream recycling contamination issue and Springfield “dirty dozen” campaign.
  - e. Bulky rigid plastic collections
  - f. Changes at the Birnie Avenue MRF (?)
- J. Project ideas: The Board continued the discussion about possible projects in the near and not so near future. The projects included:
  - a. Repeat last year’s public education project-at least in part.
  - b. Create and print a rigid plastic collection sign.
  - c. Radio ads: Susan reported on her research into this possible project.
  - d. Hauler outreach project.
  - e. Delaney House
- K. Other:
  1. Arlene mentioned the upcoming western MA DEP grant workshop on April 29<sup>th</sup> in Springfield and encouraged all to attend and/or to apply.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2015 at 10AM in Northampton. NOTE—there will not be a MAB meeting in May.**

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller