

Present: John Alphin, Jan Ameen, Veronique Blanchard, Jamie Cahillane, Tracy DeMaio, Kathleen Casey, Arlene Miller and Greg Superneau.

Guest: Steve Ellis (MassDEP) and Jacob Seldin (Springfield's DPW Project Director)

Agenda:

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

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the August 27, 2015 meeting were approved (Jan/Jamie) as presented.
- B. Public Comments: There were no public comments offered.
- C. MRF Related Issues: Steve Ellis and Greg Superneau reported.
  1. Greg shared MRF operational information he received from Mike Moores. He said the new fiber sorting at Birnie Avenue is going well. Markets are down with ONP at \$55 for single stream. Metal and plastic is also down.
  2. MRF Contracts: Steve reported that:
    - a. Communities have a drop-dead date of December 31, 2015 to sign the new MRF contract.
    - b. The MRF has validated the tonnage brought by each MRF town and calculated the revenue due for the period of January-July 2015. The MRF revenue checks are being processed by Waste Management and should be sent out by Steve in the next few weeks. The total amount due to communities for this 6 months is about \$315,000.
    - c. Five or six single stream communities that do not have any revenue due, will owe a public education fee amount to the MAB. Jan has agreed to process and send those invoices.
    - d. Steve and Greg spoke about the recycling contamination issues. The towns of Westfield and West Springfield have had issues. Their contaminated loads are either being rejected or accepted, processed and then fines are assessed.
    - e. The town of Orange has rejoined the MRF. There was a discussion about pro-rating their public education fee. It was agreed by consensus to not pro rate it.
- D. Treasurer's Report: Jan passed out a Treasurer's report for review. She pointed out that our public education fee revenue will be slightly less in FY 2016 because of the loss of Amherst from the MRF, even though we gained both Orange and Mt. Washington. The Board agreed that the Treasurer's report would only be provided as needed.
- E. MAB Vacancy: Greg reported that Janine Greaves, representing Franklin County, has resigned from the Board, leaving a vacancy. A motion was made (John/Susan) to appoint Mike Pattavina, who lives in Franklin County, to fill that vacancy. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. Education and Outreach committee report. There was no report available from this committee.
- G. America Recycles Day Committee report: Arlene, Jan, Veronique and Tracy reported. They were pleased to have secured Liz Bedard as the keynote. There was a general conversation about the event. The committee is please with the planning to date.

- H. MAB Website: There was no update provided.
- I. Newsletter: Arlene reported that the committee is hoping to send out a mid to late October newsletter. Suggested articles include something about Springfield's efforts to reduce contamination, the dirty dozen, something about the new paper sort at Birnie Avenue and a mention of the robotics contests and all their visits to the MRF.
- J. Other: Arlene gave an update about the DEP grants. She mentioned that the first round of awards would be coming out very soon. Those would announce the RDP and small scale grants. This year the RDP and small-scale money will be combined for both usage, one check and combined reporting. This will greatly simplify paperwork and reporting for the towns and DEP.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25AM.

**Our next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2015 at 10AM in Northampton. Please let Arlene know if you are not planning on attending.**

Notes taken by Arlene C. Miller