

MRF Advisory Board (MAB)

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 27, 2017

Location: Northampton Department of Public Works Meeting Room

Present: John Alphin, Jan Ameen, Veronique Blanchard, Jamie Cahillane, Kathleen Casey, Tracy DeMaio, Steve Ellis, Cristina Ferrera, Mike Pattavina, Susan Waite, and Heather Wasilewski

Guests: Mike Moores, Springfield MRF Plant Manager, Greg Superneau, Assistant Deputy Director of Springfield DPW, Brooke Nash & Greg Cooper, MassDEP Boston, Municipal Branch

AGENDA

Tracy DeMaio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07am.

- A. Meeting Minutes: The minutes from March 23, 2017 were approved (Mike P./Jan)
- B. Public Comments: There were no public comments offered.
- C. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Guide Update: The guides are out! The Republican did not have much advertising compared to the Daily Hampshire Gazette.
- D. MRF Operations: (Mike Moores)
 - a. The ONP index went down from March, although it's still not bad. Fiber is at \$85/ton and OCC is at \$160/ton.
 - b. The main in-feed will be replaced this weekend.
 - c. Glass: Susan Waite asked about glass, because she has noticed that some communities have stopped collecting glass. Mike M commented that, yes, processing glass has its challenges, especially with damage to equipment. He said that the Springfield MRF does have a glass line with a split belt. They are harvesting clear glass for a modest value.
 - d. Tracy asked how bad is contamination with single stream. Mike replied that it is not bad. Although there is some focus on an area of W. Springfield.
- E. 2020 MRF Contract:
 - a. Guests Greg Cooper and Brooke Nash talked about the process leading up to a new contract. Ideally OSD will open a statewide consulting contract and bring on qualified consultants with expertise in solid waste/recycling. If this doesn't happen by this summer, DEP will go out to bid independently for a qualified consultant. The latter is a more time consuming process for DEP.
 - b. Prepare your officials for the sticker shock of potentially having to pay tip fees for recyclables.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Next Meeting 5/25 at 10am

Minutes recorded by Heather Wasilewski