

MAB Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2022
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MAB Members Present: Jan Ameen, Linda Cernik, Amy Donovan, Abbey Massaro, Arlene Miller, Laurie Simmons and Susan Waite

Others: Cristina Ferrera, Springfield; Ethan Tupelo, citizen; Mike Moores and Chris Lucarelle (Waste Mgmt.); Alex McMahon, W. Mass News Media

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 am by Chair A. Miller. The following agenda items were taken up.

1. Public Comment Period. There were no comments from members of the public.

2. Review and Approval of Draft April Minutes. A motion was made and seconded to table approval of the April minutes until the next meeting.

3. MRF Update. Mike Moores reported that 95% of the repairs to the MRF building were complete. WMRA still has to work on the parking lot and a roof. WMRA also has to remove abandoned rails from a defunct spur on the property. Markets are steady with a small increase in the AMV for May. Chris Lucarelle said that WMRA is combining the glass AMV with the revenue from Strategic Materials to get a blended rate. Strategic Materials is taking hand-sorted glass that is whole. CAP glass in Allentown, PA is taking broken glass with residue. A. Miller spoke about the MRF artwork project. She indicated that the artist will make minor changes to the images without additional cost. There is an effort to contact industry partners about donating towards the \$12,000 cost. S. Waite asked if the panels should be higher on the building to be seen from the highway. C. Lucarelle said that WMRA will be trimming the trees.

4. Treasurer's Report. J. Ameen reviewed the Treasurer's Report, which had been emailed earlier to all members. The Rendon Group has been paid in full. The dual stream and single stream fund balances were reviewed. J. Ameen noted that the FY23 budget has to be voted on in June. She proposed to transfer \$1650 from the WMRA line to the outreach line – to be discussed in June.

5. MRF Outside Artwork. A. Miller discussed this in MRF Update.

6. Elections of Officers. **A. Miller moved to nominate Laurie Simmons as Vice-Chair. S. Waite seconded. Passed unanimously. A. Miller moved to nominate Tracy DeMaio as member-at-large. J. Ameen seconded. Passed unanimously.**

7. Video Sub-Committee Update. A. Massaro noted that the committee met with Tom at Reelife Productions to review the material-specific videos. The four videos will be on paper/cardboard, containers, contaminants, and end products. There is not a date for finalizing the videos.

8. L. Simmons Report from UMass. L. Simmons shared a powerpoint presentation on the UMass move out program called New2U. The program collects good items from students moving out, stores them, and then sells them to students in the fall. The revenue goes to support sustainability programs at UMass.

9. MAC Update. S. Waite noted that June 15th is the deadline to submit SMRP grant applications. DEP is giving western Mass. towns priority for Universal Waste sheds in the grant review. She discussed DEP-WERO's progress in permitting the new F&G transfer station at the former CEP facility.

10. Other Business. Alex McMahon with Western Mass News Media offered ideas for designing and implementing a public education recycling campaign on TV and cable stations. She may be able to find grant funding to support a MAB project. She will send the MAB an overview of her company, ideas, options, and pricing.

11. Next Meeting. Scheduled for June 16th. ***J. Ameen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and passed unanimously.***

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Ameen

Documents used in the meeting: MAB meeting packet; MAB FY22 May budget vs. actual, Tonnage Report and AMV report through April 2022