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ADDISON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Municipal Drop-off Advisory Committee Meeting

ACSWMD Office
1223 Route 7 South
Middlebury, VT 05753
May 4, 2017, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Cheryl Brinkman, Chair (CB); Susan Reit de Salas (SR); Deb Gaynor (DG); Richard Reed (RR). Staff: Don Maglienti, Program Manager (Don); Teri Kuczynski, District Manager (TK); Gary Hobbs, Transfer Station Supervisor (GH); Jac Hochreiter, Public Outreach Coordinator (JH).

I. Call to Order – CB called the meeting of the Municipal Drop-off Advisory Committee (MDAC) to order at 5:10 PM.

II. Edits to Agenda if needed, and Approve Agenda – TK asked that after adoption of minutes, to add a report regarding the Act 148 amendment adopted in the Legislature today. The agenda was approved as amended.

III. Approve Minutes of April 6, 2017 –

Motion #1: RR moved and DG seconded to approve the April 6, 2017 minutes.

VOTE: AIF.

IV. Report on Amendment to Act 148 – TK reported that the Legislature voted this afternoon to approve an amendment to Act 148 introduced by Sen. Rodgers that would delay the 7/1/17 deadline for haulers to begin offering collection of food scraps to 7/1/18. Most likely the Governor will sign the bill. This vote was in response to testimony of a handful of haulers before the Senate Natural Resources & Energy Committee last week. ANR, the Compost Association of Vermont, some commercial composters, some food scrap haulers, and several solid waste districts opposed the amendments to Act 148 at this late hour after all of the work that has been devoted to preparing for the 7/1/17 deadline and the many months of publicity on the deadline. In fact, the District newsletter just went out yesterday reminding everyone of the 7/1/17 deadline. The amendment originally called for striking the language requiring generators of 18 tons/yr or more to divert their food scraps as of 7/1/17. This language was later restored and only the extension of the hauler collection deadline was approved. This will not affect only the curbside haulers. Several of our town drop-offs are mobile, meaning that private haulers collect the trash in their vehicles there. This technically lets those towns off the hook for collecting food scraps this year, in which case residents and businesses that want to have their food scraps collected would have nowhere to take it in those towns. Many businesses are already within or are going to fall within the legal threshold for mandatory composting of their food scraps this year, or they might opt to voluntarily compost their food scraps, and will need facilities that accept the food scraps and haulers to collect the food scraps.

V. Schedule of Meetings & Contact Info for Visits to Selectboards – CB reported that a letter was emailed to Town Clerks requesting a visit with those selectboards and city council that were mentioned last month as having priority drop-off sites on municipal land, including those sites with certs. (Bridport, Bristol, Lincoln, Monkton, Ripton, Weybridge, Whiting) and mobile sites (Vergennes, Leicester, Shoreham and Starksboro). The purpose of the meetings is to talk with the selectboards about their needs and the various ways they could design and pay for the collection of food scraps at their town drop-offs. CB had suggested that
the MDAC also visit the Ferrisburgh selectboard to update them, but they have not appointed a supervisor to
the Board of Supervisors (BOS) yet.

Some of the drop-offs have private collection vehicles parked there and the haulers plan to collect the food
scrap. Others might want to provide, and perhaps subsidize, their own food scrap collection, or might want the
District to provide the service. For those sites where the haulers do not collect and charge the customers, the
question of who collects the fees was discussed. RR – It will be up to the towns and their haulers to decide. CB
– We should keep on our path and continue to make progress in assisting the towns to prepare for food scrap
collection.

Staff recommends providing each household a 5-gallon bucket with lid for carrying food scraps to the drop-
offs only as a pilot project. The method and location of toter cleaning also remains to be determined based on
the type of truck used and the town’s preference for collection: swapping buckets with clean buckets and
hauling full buckets on a trailer, emptying buckets into a toter at the site, etc. Staff has also researched various
fork-lift and stand-alone tippers to use at the Transfer Station and at VNAP to assist with emptying food scrap
toters off of a variety of vehicles. Staff will discuss with the Executive Board next week a proposed per-ton fee
for food scraps accepted at the District Transfer Station.

VI. Maps of District – Kevin Behm of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission created copies
of base maps of the county for our use. We will have to add overlays with our own siting criteria as they are
developed. Some discussion followed regarding the type of location that could be used for a regional drop-off.
All agreed to focus on individual town drop-off needs and their options for now and to work with the BOS to
develop a request for letters of interest at a later date. RR asked that this topic of criteria be discussed at the
next MDAC meeting after having a chance to meet with some of the towns. CB asked members to think about
what criteria they would like to add.

VII. Handouts for Selectboard/ City Council Meetings – JH prepared several handouts for the town/city
visits: (1) sample punch card for use by the town/District that could be sold at town clerks’ offices and District
office, thereby avoiding the collection of money at the drop-off; (2) flowchart to assist in examining
alternatives; (3) game card for placing produce stickers to bring awareness of the need to keep them out of
compost; and (4) poster that would go on a metal sign and sandwich board. Funds for these outreach materials
are part of a grant from the High Meadows Fund, and the toters for the drop-offs have already been purchased.

VIII. Adjourn – Due to June 2d schedule conflicts, the next meeting of the MDAC will be held on the second
Thursday of June - June 8, at 5 PM. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

I agree that this is an original of the May 4, 2017 minutes that were considered and approved by
the MDAC at its meeting of ______________.

Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Clerk