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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
April 6, 2017, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Members Present: Cheryl Brinkman, Chair (CB); Susan Reit de Salas (SR); Deb Gaynor (DG); Bill Finger (BF); Diane Mott (DM), Richard Reed (RR). Staff: Don Maglienti, Program Manager (Don); Teri Kuczynski, District Manager (TK); Gary Hobbs, Transfer Station Supervisor (GH).

I. Call to Order – CB called the meeting of the Municipal Drop-off Advisory Committee (MDAC) to order at 5:00 PM.

II. Edits to Agenda if needed, and Approve Agenda – Agenda was approved and March 2, 2017 minutes approved.

III. Schedule of Meetings & Contact Info for Visits to Selectboards – All haulers and all facilities that collect trash will have to begin offering food scrap collection to its customers as of 7/1/17. CB handed out a monthly calendar showing the schedule of upcoming town selectboard meetings that the MDAC could visit. TK handed out a new Town Clerk contact list. She also called the members’ attention to the District Siting Criteria for Transfer Stations. The MDAC will have to consider that if the District decides to locate a new site for a regional drop-off pilot. The MDAC agreed that the priority should be on the town drop-offs located on municipal land, including those sites with certs. (Bridport, Lincoln, Monkton, Ripton, Weybridge, Whiting) and mobile sites. It was agreed to forego private trucks parked in parking lots for now. 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. Some of the drop-offs have private collection vehicles parked there and the haulers plan to collect the food scraps. Others might want to provide, and perhaps subsidize, their own food scrap collection, or might have to do so out of necessity, i.e., the hauler cannot provide the service. TK and CB will call around to see if a selectboard wants a visit from a few MDAC representatives and staff.

The Town of Weybridge discussed having its mobile hauler collect the food scraps in buckets at the town drop-off. Moose Rubbish & Recycling at Bridport, Lincoln and Shoreham is considering offering the collection of food scraps.

CB suggested that the MDAC also visit the Ferrisburgh selectboard to discuss the prospect of a new regional drop-off in or near their town, based on their population and central location. DG is requesting to get on the Monkton selectboard schedule. SR reported that Starksboro is also prepared to meet with the MDAC.

While it is true that mandatory food scrap composting for all and a landfill ban take effect in 2020, 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. Cost estimates and proposed rates vary depending on the number of town drop-offs serviced, the location of the drop-offs, the amount of food scraps collected at each, and the size of the buckets used by customers. The method and location of toter cleaning also remains to
be determined. Some discussion followed re: offering buckets and toters to the drop-offs; how haulers could collect the food scraps (haul buckets on a trailer, empty buckets into a toter, etc.).

IV. Updated Summary of Member Town Drop-off Information – TK continues to add data to the spreadsheet, but quite a bit is still missing.

V. Cost Analysis Discussion for a Pilot District Run Drop-off – TK was asked to develop a cost estimate for a District regional drop-off, as several members want to look at the prospect of a regional drop-off network. In order to determine more about how to cost it out, TK asked some questions regarding a pilot project: Will the District assume operations of a town drop-off at the town’s request? Will one of the drop-offs be converted into a regional drop-off? Will the District site a new regional drop-off, and will it purchase or lease land from the town? Will it be a mobile drop-off or a certified drop-off? Research: Sites in the Vergennes/Ferrisburgh area. Look at cost of purchasing the U.S. Forest Service land on Rt. 7 to create a central residential drop-off. BF feels that a regional drop-off would be popular with the general public. DG asked about siting one in Bristol or Vergennes and to add another in the southern half of the District. Don mentioned the Whiting town shed. DG and SR wondered how to account for trash and recyclables that their residents take out of District to a drop-off such as Hinesburg.

It was agreed that the selectboard visits should focus more on collection of food scraps at the drop-offs for now. In the meantime, the MDAC could begin at its next meeting to look at District boundaries, maps, and population. BF suggested we ask ACRPC if they have data we could obtain. CB said they have much data. They just finished mapping all of Addison County for renewable energy, using overlays, including one for prohibited areas. Kevin Behm at ACRPC prepared the maps to assist towns with their energy plans. The Chair suggested staff bring maps to the next meeting and project them on the screen.

VI. Adjourn – The next meeting of the MDAC will be held on May 4, at 5 PM. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

I agree that this is an original of the April 6, 2017 minutes that were considered and approved by the MDAC at its meeting of ____________.

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Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Clerk