

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
November 13, 2014
MINUTES**

Committee members present: Dave Downs, Ray O'Brien, Paul Littlefield, John Arruda

Others Present: Tim Hughes

Where and When Posted: The SWAC meeting notice is published in the Town Office upper and lower levels and in both town Post Offices. A yearly schedule is published at the beginning of the year. The meeting generally is the second Thursday of each month unless noted on the schedule or amended by a change notice posted in all the above locations at least 24 hours prior to the previously planned meeting.

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Dave Downs called the meeting to order at 8:00am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of 10/9/2014 were APPROVED on a motion by Ray, seconded by Paul.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting will be 12/18/2014 at 8:00am in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Notice the change.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: We reviewed the memo from Town Office regarding appointments. We need one more member. Tim will scroll a message along the bottom of the screen when we show this meeting.

DATA ANALYSIS: Dave compiled data. The focus has been commingled. We are only getting 1.45 tons per haul and our haul costs and tonnage are up over the year. The ton costs have doubled to \$35/ton and the transportation has gone from \$250 to \$350. That and the light loads make the cost of commingled at about \$138 per ton. Compared to MSW at \$70/ton that is high. If commingled was mixed in with MSW, we think it would lighten the load and drive per ton cost up. Our only route to improvement comes with better compaction. Dave will make a couple of signs about removing caps, which might help. Also if we crushed the plastic at home and put the cap back on, the compaction stays compacted. That is too hard to put on a sign though.

GLASS: The Highway Department bought us some time by taking about 50 yards out and spreading and layering it in back of the garage. We could continue trying this or look into a glass crusher that Meredith has. John will call Meredith about that device. Dave will ask NRRRA about one that could be shared.

SINGLE STREAM: Not discussed.

Transfer Station Brochure Update – We should update the brochure and push it to customers when they pick up their stickers. The website can show the brochure. We should also show where people can

recycle miscellaneous items, for example: computers at Staples, CFLs at Home Depot and Lowe's. We will each take a brochure and work on it. Next meeting we can finalize the brochure.

STATUS ON 2014 OBJECTIVES: See previous minutes.

NEW BUSINESS OR MEMBER'S "LIST" ITEMS:

- Refrigerator doors should be taken off. John will talk to Jim.
- We don't accept propane tanks and people drop them off.
- John will call Ricker's to see how we can help them be more responsive, such as get them a key.
- Dave will ask about Conway's Hazardous Waste Day.
- A DES intern is surveying towns about smoke detector disposal. Dave will ask NRRA about the best practice for this.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to adjourn: At 9:20am John made a motion that Paul seconded to adjourn and it passed.

Submitted by Ray O'Brien