

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TOWN OF MADISON

June 18, 2015

Minutes

Committee members present: Dave Downs, John Aruda, Paul Littlefield, Sandy Brocar, Chuck, White

Others Present: Carol Dandeneau , videographer, Bill Chick Jr., Asst. Road Agent

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: At 7:36 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion by Paul seconded by John to approve minutes of 4/16/15 was PASSED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting will be 07/16/2015 at 7:30am in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

COMPOST & YARD WASTE: The Assistant Road Agent put forth a suggestion on revisions to the handling of yard waste for composting. The existing area is too small to properly manage turning the compost. The Bill Jr. suggested clearing an area to the left of the gate as you enter the Transfer Station behind the metal and masonry piles. This would provide more room for turning the material for compost. John will take the issue to the BoS to discuss making these changes. Chuck and Jim will discuss and review for any further input and to determine any additional effort that will be needed to manage the compost in this manner.

NRRA Conference: Paul and Jim attended the NRRA annual conference in early June. They made the rounds with the various vendors supporting Madison and checked out other vendor booths as well as attending conference sessions of interest. Of much interest were the discussions that they had with "Ivar the Grinder" regarding grinding and disposal of glass while we had the Asst. Road Agent we went into detail about glass options such as grind the glass and keep it, ship it to Wakefield to be ground and returned, including glass in commingled, etc. Various options were ruled out for obvious reasons such as excessive cost for transportation. Bill Jr. felt very positive that the properly ground glass would result in a relatively small volume compared to its current volume and could be used in many projects by the highway dept. including the Transfer Station such as making a base for the glass pit (as may be a state requirement) and bases for other areas such as the refrigerators and metal and masonry piles. Paul will call Ivar to get a quote.

NHDES: DES has put forth a Compliance Guide for Solid Waste Facilities. This appears to be a shifting of some state work to the towns. It basically, relieves the State from making inspections at Transfer Stations and has the transfer stations perform self-inspections under guidelines that each transfer station sets for itself. Chuck and Jim will discuss and Chuck will bring the results to the next meeting to see if there is any assistance that the committee can provide.

Transportation Costs: The transportation costs from Empire for hauling paper and commingled containers has gone up 60% even in light of reduced fuel costs. This is after a 30% increase last year. NRRRA provided several other options all of which are more expensive for Madison. A cheaper option is to send recyclables to the landfill. But that is not the right thing to do. Paul will call other towns to see how they are dealing with the increased transportation costs. Dave will run some numbers on what it cost to have NCIS process our recyclables as MSW instead of NRRRA. At the next meeting we will consider bringing NRRRA on site to a meeting to discuss further.

CIP: The only large cost to the Transfer Station we currently saw was the potential glass grinding cost of about \$10,000 for 12-14 years' worth of glass. We discussed planning that for the next need for grinding. This is not really a CIP scale project so was dropped. Projects that might benefit the Transfer Station would be like getting a bailer to increase the amount we could get for recyclables and reduce transportation costs. However, in light of the greatly depressed value of recyclables this looks even less appealing for Madison. But, something we looked at in the past, an auger system for grinding trash and compacting it would directly address the transportation cost issue. Dave will review the old numbers from two years ago when we looked at an auger system bring the results to the next meeting for discussion.

NON-RESIDENT COUPONS: Change to \$10 per book? Expiration date or cost of doing business. Not discussed.

Transfer Station Brochure Update – Discussion, as time permits, of changes to the brochure. Not discussed

DATA ANALYSIS: YTD data. Not discussed

2015 OBJECTIVES: Review. Not reviewed but will be distributed for review and discussion at the next meeting.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS OR MEMBER'S "LIST" ITEMS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to adjourn: We adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:00.