

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF MADISON  
April 21, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

**Committee members present:** Paul Littlefield, Chuck White, Bob King, Dave Downs

**Others Present:** Tim Hughes- videographer

**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: 7:34 AM**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion to approve by Paul, seconded by Bob, unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:** The next meeting will be 05/19/2016 at 7:30am in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

**North Country Council Regional Planning Commission:** We reviewed the meeting with Regan Pride. We walked through the facility and answered the questions on his transfer station profile sheet. He made some observations and later sent us documents on transfer station brochures and transfer station design.

**GLASS GRINDING:** Ivar will plan to move equipment in place on 5/2 and start grinding on 5/3. The highway department plans to move the material to the storage area behind the town office. We discussed the option of using some or all of the material for leveling the new compost area. Bob will speak with the highway department about that.

**COMPOST:** As above, the compost area is not level at this point and perhaps the ground glass would be a good base for that. Dave spoke with Russ Lanoie who said that the glass would be a good base but needed to be covered with 4" or so of ¾" crushed gravel that would pack well with more binder to hold it together.

**COMMINGLED/PAPER HAULING & TIPPING COSTS:** The RFP goes out on 4/28 and any proposals received will be opened at the 5/17 BoS meeting. Paul will contact the Conway transfer station to see if they might have any interest in receiving our recyclables for their bailing operation. That would reduce our hauling cost and tipping fees.

**40 Yard Roll-off acquisition:** Paul found that purchasing containers would be over \$5,000 each. If we bought our own 40 yd containers there would be a 3-4 year payback. Then we could be saving \$3-4,000 per year after that in haul charges. There are too many unknowns at this time and such as potential changes in vendors and the market for recyclables. We should continue to pursue the idea of getting 40 yd containers. Dave will speak with NCIS to see if they have any suggestions on how we could make this happen.

**NRRA Conference:** Scheduled for Jim & Bob with Paul and/or Dave as backups. We're still on track for this.

**Transfer Station Brochure Update** – We decided to schedule a separate working session for this. We will meet Tuesday, 5/3, at the Town Hall lower level to work on the layout and content. Paul had previously given Chuck printouts from several transfer station brochures for ideas. Chuck had a list of ideas for the brochure. Dave passed out info on three transfer stations recommended by NRRA and Regan Pride. We got into a discussion on issues with certain items that we do not take (sharps, CFL's, button batteries, etc.) and may not have an answer for disposal. We need to take these issues on a one by one basis and resolve to at least have an answer on what to do with them if we cannot take them at our location. Also, Chuck brought up the question of whether there were any issues with the recyclables we are sending to Ecomaine. Dave will call Ecomaine to see about issues with what they are getting.

**2016 OBJECTIVES:** Keep an eye on progress and changes to objectives.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS OR MEMBER'S "LIST" ITEMS:**

- Planet Aid no longer providing revenue to the town. We will still have the deposit boxes but not receive any revenue. This is not a big impact as we only got a few hundred dollars a year but the clothes will still go to a good cause rather than being a cost item going to the landfill.
- Annual facilities report for DES. Dave is helping Linda prepare this and it will be shared with the committee once completed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**Motion to adjourn:** Paul made a motion to adjourn seconded by Bob and unanimously approved. Adjourned at 8:36AM.