

**SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TOWN OF MADISON
April 18, 2019
Meeting Minutes**

Committee members present: Paul Littlefield, David Downs, Tino Fernandes, Bob King

Others Present: Tim Hughes – videographer. Jon Cyr-Director of DPW, Rob Rand -DPW

Where and When Posted: The SWAC meeting notice is published in the Town Office upper and lower levels and in both town Post Offices. The meeting generally is the third 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: 5:35PM by the Chairman Littlefield

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to accept 3/21/19 minutes by King seconded by Downs.
Approved unanimously 4-0.

NEXT SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING: The next meeting will be May 23, 2019 at 5:30 PM in the Town Hall meeting room (fourth Thursday to allow follow up from the annual NRRRA meeting of 5/20).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to accept the agenda approved unanimously 4-0.

ASSIGNMENT OF EMAIL FOR THE MONTH: Downs

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. **Future meeting with NRRRA:** Littlefield has spoken with Mike Dufur, NRRRA Director, and the engineering firm recommended by the NRRRA. They will meet with SWAC and DPW for a preliminary evaluation of our facility at no cost. This walk-through meeting will be scheduled in the near future. Fernandes suggested that we ask at this meeting what the NRRRA would consider optimal equipment and layout for a town of our size and how we might collaborate with regional facilities for cost savings in recycling and waste management.
2. **Metal Recycling:** Jon Cyr has switched to Ricker and we are receiving checks from them. He was unable to locate any written agreement/contract with the prior service, so our ability to recapture prior income from them is unknown. At this time Ricker just wants to use a single dumpster and deal with mixed metal Ricker. Ricker has agreed to take metal (non AL) cans from Tamworth if they are completely clean. We have not yet decided to separate our cans from plastic.
3. **General Discussion on Recycling:** All members of SWAC are still committed to a recycling program despite the current unfavorable economic situation. The consensus is that the economics and need for recycling will change in the foreseeable future. There ensued a discussion of ideas to increase recycling such as “pay to throw” or a mandatory recycling regulation as possibilities.

4. **Short Term Plans for the Transfer Station:** Littlefield emphasized better weather proofing of the containers. We are still planning for a new compactor and 4 new 40yd containers for next year. Grants from NH the Beautiful will help with costs. These improvements will reduce the number of hauls by at least 45% and result in significant cost savings which could pay for the upgrades in 5 years. Thoughts on a bailing facility and long-term upgrades will await our meeting with the NRRRA and engineers.
5. **Jon Cyr's Report:** Certifications for the Transfer Station are being redone. At the recent meeting with staffs of other local facilities it was reported that 80% of local communities feel their transfer stations are underfunded and lack support. Jon was appreciative of the support our facility receives from SWAC and the Madison community. Downs spoke to the progress which has been made over the last 5 years and stated that the Transfer Station now functions on a smaller budget than 5 years ago since changing from Waste Management.
6. **Transfer Station Data:** No presentation by Downs at this meeting.
7. **New Business:**

Downs recommended adding well testing to next month's agenda
Recommended sending at least one employee to the upcoming NRRRA battery recycling meeting next Monday.

Jon Cyr would like to perform a survey of the other regional transfer stations about their operations and share the results with the stations which participate. This would be helpful since the state no longer performs this function.

Valley pride day is May 4. Catalina Kirsch is coordinating (catalinachirsch@gmail.com)

We have completely 27% of the fiscal year and the Transfer Station has spent 22% of its budget.

Rob Rand will investigate recycling car tires, costs and potential income. He is also interested in recycling car batteries.

Downs confirms that Call 2 Recycle will provide free recycling of rechargeable batteries, but we would have to purchase boxes from them at minimum charge to recycle non rechargeable batteries. Again, re-emphasized that Jim or other employees should attend NRRRA seminar on battery recycling.

Rob and Jon will submit grant application form to supplement waste oil recycling.
8. **Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM**

Minutes by Tino Fernandes