

## Souhegan Regional Landfill District

**P.O. Box 360, Amherst, N.H. 03031**

APPROVED

### SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

July 20, 2023

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Mont Vernon fire station meeting room at 6:00pm. Members attending were Eric Slosek, Dan Veilleux, Joan Cudworth, Jack Esposito, Frank Powers, Guy Wadsworth, & Ed Perry. Also attending were Dennis Slocumb & Debra Quinlan.

#### **CITIZENS FORUM – N/A**

**MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2023** – Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as written and Frank seconded. Guy abstained and all others voted in favor.

#### **UPDATE BY TOWN**

AMHERST – Eric reported that there is water getting into their glass container.

BROOKLINE – Guy said that all is fine.

HOLLIS – Joanie reported that they had a DES inspection. She also said that the equipment looks good after being power washed.

MONT VERNON – Jack had nothing to report.

**RECYCLING UPDATE** - Dennis sent the following prices for July via email.

	<u>Office Paper Recovery</u>
Mixed Paper	\$(18)/ton
Cardboard	\$10/ton
Newspaper	\$115/ton

#### **SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE**

HOLLIS MOTOR – Dennis reported that there was an issue with the cardboard trailer motor. He removed it for repairs and replaced it with a spare motor. Bruce asked Dennis to determine if we have spare motors that are compatible with all equipment.

BROOKLINE PUMP – Dennis said that the front trailer pump was making noise. He removed it and noticed that it was hot. He replaced the pump and filters, and everything is working well.

**OPERATIONS REVIEW** - Deb reported the following trash figures for the second quarter:

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Trips</u>	<u>Ave Weight/Trip</u>
Amherst	621.49	31	20.05
Brookline	385.31	28	13.76
Hollis	635.26	39	16.29
Mont Vernon	202.49	19	10.66

Dennis pointed out that Mont Vernon's plastic container is being brought Wheelabrator. Jack mentioned that they have tried many times to separate plastic, but the loads end up contaminated. Bruce suggested that plastics just be put in with trash. Dennis will either not return the plastic container or put it to the side after the next load.

**DAN'S STATE OF THE STATE** – Dan reported that there is a bottle deposit law that probably will not pass and that the DES will be redrawing landfill rules over the next few years.

**PAYABLES** - All members reviewed the current invoices. Dan made a motion to approve payment of those invoices and Joanie seconded. All voted in favor.

Jack made a motion to allow invoices to be paid prior to the next meeting since there will not be a meeting in August. Guy seconded and all voted in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

FIXED ASSET DATA SHEETS – Dan reported that they are almost complete, and he will share them via Google.

INTEREST RATES – Deb reported that she contacted TD Bank and was able to get a rate increase. Frank thought that they are still too low and pointed out that his bank's rates are over 4% right now. Deb explained that the TD Bank interest is net of their treasury management & collateralization fees and will contact TD Bank again to try to get a breakdown of the interest and fees.

GRANT APPLICATION – Bruce explained that he was not comfortable committing to the \$20,000 necessary to obtain the food waste diversion grant so stopped pursuing that opportunity. Joanie mentioned that New Hampshire the Beautiful may offer grants for vegetable scrap recycling in 2024. Eric reported that Amherst has composted about 13,000 pounds so far. Dan reported that he had received a proposal from Vanguard for the four towns, but the included price increase made it too expensive.

ZINC PLATES – Eric reported that he had researched zinc plates and found that they are only effective if the material is immersed in the medium that causes the corrosion. He suggested ground straps instead.

BOARD ALTERNATES – Bruce said that he does not consider alternates necessary since the board never makes any major decisions unless representatives from all four towns are in attendance. He also pointed out that the alternates would really have to attend all meetings and Guy mentioned that it's not easy finding people willing to volunteer. Other members agreed.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES RFQ – Eric handed out printed copies of an Amherst RFQ that could be revised for SRLD use. He will revise it and send it to Deb to be forwarded to the board for review prior to the September meeting.

AMHERST STORMWATER – Eric mentioned that recent testing showed high levels of zinc.

LANDFILL LOW SPOTS – The landfill has been mowed but the areas have not yet been inspected.

NEW COMPACTOR – Bruce reported that the new compactor is currently in Amherst. Dennis said that the stand has been modified, sandblasted, & painted. He will need to put it on the pad to make sure it's flat then move it off the pad again. He suggested using two loaders to do so to save time and money, but the board thought it would be safer to hire someone to move it.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

SPARE TRAILERS – Dennis pointed out that there are no spare trailers available for Brookline or Mont Vernon. He suggested looking into aluminum trailers and said that trailers could be moved between towns. He also pointed out that it may be possible for town employees to move trailers. Dennis will try to get trailer prices before the next meeting.

CURBSIDE PICKUP – Joanie mentioned that the Hollis selectmen will be having a discussion about curbside pickup at their August meeting.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in Brookline.

Frank made a motion to adjourn & Guy seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Debra Quinlan*

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