

## MIDCOAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES OF March 21, 2016 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Art Durity (Chairman) -Lincolnville, Bill Chapman (Vice-Chairman) -Rockport, John French (Camden Board of Selectmen) -Camden, Tracy Lee Murphy, Rockport, Jim Annis-Hope, Cindy Gerry, Lincolnville, Paul Gibbons, Esquire - Corporate Attorney

MEMBER ABSENT (EXCUSED): Tom Ford (Secretary) -Hope Jim Kierstead (Treasurer) -Camden

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**: Jim Guerra-MCSWC Manager, Jon Duke-Hope Town Administrator, Richard C. Bates, Rockport Town Manager, David Kinney-Lincolnville Town Administrator, Pat Finnigan-Camden Town Manager

Chairman Art Durity called meeting to order @ 6:01 p.m.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** Chairman Art Durity informed the Board that Waste Management, Inc., was unable to attend the meeting due to the inclement weather. Information on the proposal may be made available on the website instead.

**1.** <u>Meeting Protocol</u>: Art Durity outlined the procedures for the meeting and the question and answer sessions that would follow from the Board of Directors. The public was informed they would be able to ask questions following presentation from Attorney Gibbons.

2. <u>Attorney Paul Gibbons Contract Overviews Presentation</u>: MCSWC Corporate Attorney Paul Gibbons, Esq., presented an interactive Power Point program reviewing the various contract proposals from vendors interested in obtaining a solid waste contract from MCSWC. He reviewed the particular points of interest within each contract presented that he felt the board would benefit from. He has made some suggestions on the contract with MRC/Fiberight that would include adding more representatives to the oversight board for the proposed plant. He also covered some of the ways that the cost of the MSW contract will change and other particular contract clauses that stipulated who had control of the waste. A final mention was made to the environmental aspects of the contracts when a facility must handle the trash with a bypass landfill stipulation if their plant was unable to operate. If PERC should close it appeared they did not have ability to take waste to Juniper Ridge. A question and

answer session followed Attorney Gibbon's presentation with the Board. A complete recording of the presentation and question and answer session is available on the Mid-Coast Solid Waste website at <u>www.midcoastsolidwaste.org</u>.

3. Intermission: Art Durity called for a short intermission before the Public Hearing began at 7:24 pm.

**4.** <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Art Durity called the Public Hearing to order at 7:35 pm. The Board attendance remained unchanged from the earlier meeting and several area residents were in attendance as well. Several participated in a question and answer session with the Board of Directors. Alison McKellar spoke to the Board about her overall experience and concerns with the coming changes to our practices at MCSWC. Owen Casas and Anita Brosius-Scott also spoke directly to the Board about their concerns and presented questions for clarification on various subjects relating to the way MCSWC handles trash now and with the contracts under consideration for Post 2018. All participants were concerned with the environmental impact solid waste has on the communities and hidden "costs" in hauling and land filling for the future. The Public Hearing ended at 7:59 pm. A complete recording of the Public Hearing is available on the Mid-Coast Solid Waste website at <u>www.midcoastsolidwaste.org</u>.

**5.** <u>Board Vote Discussion</u>: Chairman, Art Durity asked the Board members present if they would offer their opinions on which vender they were currently leaning toward if a vote was held. Discussion followed. The Chairman then suggested that a vote not take place at the current meeting but that the membership take the next couple of days before the quarterly Board of Directors Meeting, to be held on Wednesday; to review information and solidify their ideas and that he would revisit a vote during the next meeting. The outcome of that vote will pose the direction and vendor the Board would take with our solid waste and will be presented to the area Town Select Boards on April 4, 2016 for further consideration by the town.

Chairman, Art Durity entertained for a motion to adjourn. *Bill Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting. Tracy Lee Murphy seconded. Motion was unanimous. Passed 6-0-0.* 

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted Beth Kwiatkowski, Recording Secretary

## **SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

## The Board scheduled the following meetings:

March 23, 2016	Rockport Town Office	7:00 pm
MCSWC Board Directors Meeting		
April 4, 2016	Rockport Opera House	6:00 pm

Presentation of MSW Information to Town Select Boards of Camden, Hope, Lincolnville & Rockport

## Committee Meetings: TBA