



**MIDCOAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 14, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Falciani (Chair) – Camden, , Alison McKellar (Treasurer) – Camden, Denise Munger – Rockport, Keryn Laite (Vice-Chair) – Lincolnvillle, Josh Gerritsen – Lincolnvillle, Brian Powers, Jr – Hope, Wendy Pelletier – Hope

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Debra Hall – Rockport

**REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Michael Martunas, Manager MCSWC

Guest: Pete Lachapell, Waste Management

Bob Falciani, Chair, called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

**A. PUBLIC & DIRECTOR COMMENTS:** None

**B. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF October 29, 2020:**

*Chair Falciani entertained a motion to approve the minutes of October 29, 2020. Brian Powers moved to approve the minutes as presented. Laite seconded. Roll call vote: Aye's: Pelletier, Laite, Munger, Powers & Falciani. Gerritsen and McKellar abstained-not present. Motion passed 55.03 for and 30.00 abstained.*

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES OF December 16, 2020:**

*Chair Falciani entertained a motion to approve the minutes of December 16, 2020. Munger moved to approve the minutes as presented. Laite seconded. Roll call vote: Aye's: Pelletier, Laite, McKellar, Munger, Powers & Falciani. Abstentions: Gerritsen -not present. Motion passed 61.48 for and 8.57 abstained.*

**C. FACILITY MANAGER REPORT:**

Chair Falciani asked the membership if there were any questions/comments on the Manager's report presented in the packet. There were none.

Martunas provided brief comments on the continued efforts for safety in relation to COVID precautions at the facility for both the public and employees. Additionally it was reported that the facility is still busy for this time of year. Powers requested an update on the status of furlough

activities at the facility. Martunas provided information on the current furloughs for 2 full-time and 3 part-time employees.

**D. VOTE TO APPROVE FISCAL YEAR 2022 MID-COAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION BUDGET**

Powers opened a discussion on the Administration Wage line regarding the Manager's salary. McKellar, Finance Committee Chair, provided feedback on the figures presented and discussion followed. A discussion on setting and applying annual COLA increases for all staff was held. McKellar noted the historical Cola has been to see a 2 percent increase.

**a. Motion to reallocate funds from Equipment Replacement Reserve to Facility Improvement Reserve**

Laite requested discussion on the reallocation of funds from the Equipment Replacement Reserve to the Facility Improvement Reserve fund prior to the budget approval. McKellar expressed the fund move requested will assist with budgeting figures without adding to the individual town assessments. Additional discussion on past uses of the replacement reserve fund was held. Martunas presented that the facility requires repair projects which include re-grading the facility yard (asphalt areas) and replacing the leachate line on site that connects the collected landfill leachate to the Odor Control Building. The leachate travels through the building and on to the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Camden. Martunas is looking to use the optimal timing to get the leachate line repair done in tandem with the re-grading. Martunas informed the membership that an attempt to request funds from the DEP for the leachate line project has been denied. The costs of this combined project are estimated to be \$70,000 of which \$50,000 is allocated for the re-grading project and an additional \$20,000 for the onsite leachate line replacement.

Falciani clarified the current balance of the Equipment Replacement Reserve is \$211,000 and that a funding move will leave a balance of approx. \$141,000 in that fund, while increasing the Facility Improvement Fund by \$70,000 for repair work stated. McKellar asked that the motion be done separate from the budget approval due the fact that it is a transfer of funds that will take place immediately to allow taking advantage of seasonal work bids prior to the beginning of fiscal year 2021-2022 budget

***Chair Falciani moved to entertain a motion. Laite moved to reallocate funds in the amount of \$70,000 from the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Equipment Replacement Reserve to the Facility Improvement Reserve. Gerritsen seconded. Falciani called a roll call vote: Motion passed unanimously.***

Chair Falciani asked if there were any questions, comments, or modifications on the fiscal year 2022 budget under consideration. Chair Falciani opened a discussion on defining the allocation of funds for use on proactive education based on the forthcoming changes to MSW disposal practices. Munger noted a strong need for the community at large and school communities to be educated

on the ability to divert food scraps assist the environment. A lengthy discussion on how funds are currently listed in the budget for education and community use was held. McKellar stated that moving to the lowest tier of the State Waste Hierarchy by considering moving MSW handling to a landfill, and the loss of education programs now supported by ecomaine, a need to create funds to incentivize schools in the form of grants is needed. McKellar asked that funding be considered which will allow MCSWC the ability to develop new grant funds for programs to continue serious food waste education and highlight areas of waste stream diversion. Chair Falciani supported the development of a program which will be developed by the Manager and vetted by the Corporation. McKellar asked that the current draft budget, which shows a decrease to the town assessments of approximately \$20,000 that these funds be allocated to education initiatives. A brief discussion on increasing funding to existing lines by currently budgeted for community education services was held. Discussion on funding more than the suggested \$20,000 was held. Laite recommended that the figure of \$21,000 not be exceeded in the first year of this program. Gerritsen suggested the new budget line be titled as Waste Reduction Education. Discussion on how best to track the growth of the grant proposal programming as funds are allocated took place. Chair Falciani commented that the fund discernment would be under the direction of the Manager to determine the manner in which to oversee and disseminate funds allocated and to report back to the membership with information on the program he configures.

***Chair Falciani moved to entertain a motion. Munger moved to allocate \$20,898 for a waste diversion education line in the fiscal year 2021-2022 budget. McKellar seconded. Falciani asked that the modification be restated to take into account the approval of the fiscal year 2022 budget. Munger withdrew the motion.***

***Chair Falciani entertained a motion to include the modification in the FY22 budget. Munger motioned to approve the 2021-2022 proposed budget with the addition of a line item of \$20,898 for Waste Reduction Education. Laite seconded. Discussion followed, Powers considered amending the motion to double the Community Committee Projects line from 6,000 to 12,000 in lieu of the modification. McKellar stressed the need for a new line aside from any currently funded lines noting the Community Committee Project line includes swap shop needed improvements. Discussion followed on current line allocations. Chair Falciani called the vote by roll call: Aye's: Motion passed 94.97 for and 5.03 against (Pelletier).***

**E. VOTE TO APPROVE MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT:**

Chair Falciani opened discussion on the final draft of the agreement between Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation (MCSWC) and Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. to provide disposal services for MSW at their site in Maine. Falciani stated the contract had been reviewed by MCSWC, Crossroads and the Corporate Attorney prior to presentation to the board membership. Falciani opened the floor to Lachapelle for questions or comments from the board. McKellar and

Munger opened a discussion on the allocation of unforeseen costs was held with regard to Section 4c and Section 5 of the contract. Powers suggested the contracted had been thoroughly reviewed and a vote was in order.

***Chair Falciani entertained a motion to approve the Solid Waste Disposal contract presented. Laite moved to approve the contract between Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation and Waste Management Disposal Services of Maine, Inc. for three (3) years beginning on July 1, 2021 and an end date of June 30, 2024. Munger seconded. Roll call vote: Aye's: Pelletier, Laite, Munger, Powers, Gerritsen & Falciani. Nay: McKellar. Motion passed 63.59 for and 21.43 against.***

**F. ADJOURN:**

***Chair Falciani entertained a motion to adjourn. Laite motioned to adjourn at 8:18 PM. Gerritsen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Kwiatkowski  
Recording Secretary

*If there are any questions regarding the decisions made at the meeting please refer to the meeting video.*

**SCHEDULED MEETINGS:**

**Board of Directors Meetings:**

February 24, 2021 Meeting, 6:30 pm by video teleconference.