



**MIDCOAST SOLID WASTE CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF
January 20, 2016
MEETING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Art Durity (Chairman) -Lincolnvile, Cindy Gerry -Lincolnvile, John French (Camden Board of Selectmen) -Camden, Bill Chapman (Vice-Chairman) -Rockport, Tom Ford (Secretary) -Hope, Jim Annis –Hope, Tracy Lee Murphy –Rockport, Jim Kierstead (Treasurer) -Camden

MEMBERS ABSENT:

REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Jim Guerra-MCSWC Manager, Pat Finnigan-Camden Town Manager, Richard C. Bates, Rockport Town Manager, David Kinney-Lincolnvile Town Administrator

REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT: Jon Duke-Hope Town Administrator

Public Guests: Several Community Members, Several Area Town Representatives, Dave Stanley (Tri-County Solid Waste)

Chairman Art Durity called meeting to order @ 7:01 p.m.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS:** None

3. **APPROVE MINUTES OF December 9, 2015* MEETING:**

*Art Durity entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2015 meeting. (A correction was made to the meeting date of *November 18, 2015, as listed on the Agenda). Jim Kierstead made motion to approve the minutes as written. John French seconded the motion. Chairman, Art Durity called for a vote. No Discussion. Motion passed 8-0-0*

4. **MANAGERS UPDATE:**

New Skid Steer Equipment: – The new skid steer has arrived and is in use. It has enhanced safety and other ergonomic features, rear camera is great in addition to better air quality inside the building when running do to the Tier 4 engine.

Temporary Employee Hiring: Currently have two temporary employees on staff to help with a shortage on personnel that is currently on vacation or leave of absence.

Odor Control: Jim has received an odor complaint from a neighbor on Belmont Avenue in Camden last week. There is a hot spot in the active area in the newly closed portion of the cell that is forcing out odor. We received 60 yards of Bio-Ash from the Verso Mill in Jay that is being applied when it is safe to do so. It's high in carbon and has a high PH which will shock the biology.

Teamster 340 Update: The labor attorney has received response from the union representatives and they seem to be willing to look at contracts and go to the next step and vote on contracts. It seems something will happen before the end of this fiscal year.

5. SME PRESENTATION OF POST 18 MSW DISPOSAL OPTIONS:

Chairman, Art Durity proposed that Sevee and Mahar present their information on our Post 2018 options; then the meeting will be opened to public comment and questions and following that time, the Board would resume their regular business meeting. He asked if there were objections to that format and a member of the public, Alison McKellar felt that the public comment should occur after the board adds their comments.

The Chairman re-outlined the meeting structure to be as follows: A presentation from Sevee and Mahar will be held, and then the Board will discuss the information followed by public questions and comments. There was no objection and the meeting was opened to the presentation.

Jim Guerra introduced Steve Patch and Mike Booth from Sevee and Mahar Engineering, who are our regular contracted corporate engineers for onsite information. They were charged in November to with providing a technical review of MSW handling options for Post 2018 when the current PERC contract expires. Steve Patch explained SME connection to the solid waste industry in Maine and represented that their company worked with the solid waste community in many capacities over the years and with several vendors. He passed the meeting on to Mike Booth who had done the primary research.

Mike reviewed the handout provided entitled Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Evaluation of Waste Handling Options Post-2018. He first assessed the landfill locations that were considered in our area that would be capable of receiving and handling solid waste from MCSWC. He then reviewed the various types of waste disposal facilities that could be contracted with to take our waste and finally touched on the costs to transport the waste from our area to the noted facilities. Included in his discussion were issues that the Board asked SME to consider including: Technology differences in how waste is handled and processed. Other factors such as location and permitted use of landfills, tipping costs, transportation costs and environmental benefit factors were reviewed. All proposal options are outlined in the handout and it has been made available to the public on the website. Several landfills in the area would be capable of accepting MCSWC MSW in addition to the various known contact proposals from Eco-Maine, the proposed MRC/Fiberite Project and the existing USA Energy Plant (PERC). The next step is to send out requests for pricing (RFP's) to the facilities identified in the report to see if any other pricing and contract proposal should be considered for future contracts for our MSW. A questionnaire to the four towns was also outlined and Jim will collect these and assimilate the information so that it can be incorporated into the RFP requests that will be sent with a return deadline of February 19, 2016. The tipping fee and contract terms requested are 5, 10 and 15 - year terms.

Highlights of Presentation:

- Mike stated that the researched did not lean one way or the other as no overall determined choice that was evidently made clear. Advantages and Disadvantages were cited for both the PERC facility and the proposed Fiberight plant.
- MRC will no longer be in a supervisory role, but becomes a service provider.
- PERC intends to operate at peak times to create premium power pricing to help meet their proposed tipping fees – they are currently excluded from having the ability to create power storage advantage but that will change when current contract is expired.
- Guaranteed tonnage (GAT) and changes to that requirement were discussed
- There is no full scale plant to compare the proposed information for Fiberight to. MRC/ Fiberite is faced with creating a plant that is based on a scaled up model which is why the technology is

“not known”. This places a learning curve that will, over time, be the biggest threat. Mike did state that he felt there was a solid commitment from this group that would provide this long-term range of getting the job done.

- MRC / Fiberite does not have EPA permitting, but appears eligible by the standards presented to meet D3 Renewable Identification Number (RINS). MRC has priced tipping on the cost to run facility and did not take into account the D3 RIN credits. Cost Recycling, Compressed Natural Gas also discussed
- Both Facilities are strongly representing that recyclable material handling can be overseen by the facility to meet the needs of communities. Single steam and organic waste handling was discussed.
- Both Facilities have contingency plans for use of landfills, PERC has permitting in place with Juniper Ridge, MRC will possibly need to take waste out of state should the goals not be met.
- Out of state processing of solid waste (both coming to Maine and leaving Maine) in connection with both facilities was reviewed.
- It was strongly suggested that the contracts be reviewed completely from a legal standpoint as much of the information pertains to contractual obligations for the parties from that standpoint.
- Engaging in more presentations from the various representatives was also encouraged. Bangor has made a commitment to MRC/Fiberite but no other community in the main consortium of 187 towns has made similar commitment.

Discussion from members of the Board followed.

The discussion was opened to receive questions from the Public Guests attending.

There will be several community meetings in our area in the coming weeks for both PERC and MRC/Fiberight. MRC will be providing a final package that will include a Joinder Contract between Municipalities and MRC, a Waste Contract between MRC and Fiberite and a Lease Contract between MRC and Fiberite.

6. FINANCIALS:

Revenues & Expenses were reviewed.

A/R Aging Summary: Several delinquent accounts have been brought current and all others were notified by the office of their current status.

Chairman, Art Durity entertained for a motion to adjourn. ***Bill Chapman moved to adjourn the meeting. Tom Ford seconded. Motion passed 8-0-0.***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Beth Kwiatkowski, Recording Secretary

SCHEDULED MEETINGS:

The Board scheduled the following meetings:

February 24, 2016 Rockport Town Hall 7:00 pm

Committee Meetings

TBA