

OHSTT SOLID WASTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: February 25, 2016 ...Time: 7. PM...Place: Owls Head Town Office

1. **Call To Order:** 7:00 pm....present: Bruce Colson, Chair (OH), Ron Porter (T). Skip Connell (ST), Peter Lammert (T) and Dave Matthews (OH), Jan Gaudio (ST), Paul Gibbons, Atty.

2. **Recognize Guests:** Beverly St. Clair and Scott Johnson.

3. **Public Comments, for items not on the agenda:** none

Old Business

Motion by Bruce to take agenda out of order: Peter 1st, Dave 2nd, all approved.

4. **Discussion of Maine State Prison...**

5. **Vote on last meeting's minutes:** Approved with corrections of spelling Dodge, changing *at* to *and*. Motion to accept: Dave 1st, Ron 2nd, all approve but Peter and Jan who were not at the last meeting.

New Business

6. **Site manager's report:** Chip: #4 broke down twice on the 7th and 16th. Water is getting into the control box and one breakdown was the relays broke. Bruce interjected that we need to deal with the water or the guts will rust again.

- #3 broke down and blew a fuse.
- #1 needs a new floor and hole repair
- #2 has shifted. Valley will call with an estimate
- Would like to move the "pile". Discussion that it still needs to be screened. Will be kept on the list and lo in the spring.
- Gravel needs attention.

Diane added that the logbook is not accurate as not everyone signs in. She reported that she had met with the crew (Chip was not there that day) and reminded them that the loads should not be sent out light as they have been. There was also a short conversation about Valley sending an estimate and about the philosophy of having keys out so haulers can come whenever.

7. **Bookkeeper's report:** Nothing unusual except no payment yet from Maine State Prison.

8. **Sign the Warrant**

9. **Vote on the signed warrant:** Motion Skip 1st, Dave 2nd all approved.

10. **Correspondence:** Peter talked about PERC and passed out brochures produced by them. He mentioned a newspaper article that offered both sides of the options.

Engineers..... Sevee and Mahar

Conversation about Ecomaine who have offered a 20 year commitment at \$70/ton. This is the same price offered by MRC for the first year. Bruce said he thought Rockland was leaning toward Ecomaine. They (Ecomaine) are coming to Thomaston on Wed. Mar 16th at Watts Hall for a presentation. Bruce said the pamphlet from Ecomaine was well put together and interesting. And because Ecomaine is a nonprofit their budget and payroll are transparent.

Paul said he thought it (Ecomaine) was the best deal but perhaps limited facility wise so not so appropriate for commercial waste.

PERC is much bigger but Paul questions whether it will work.

No one is saying bad things about Ecomaine and they can borrow money cheaper because it is a nonprofit.

There was an extended discussion of whether towns will choose or OHSTT board will choose the new facility. The board felt that the townspeople will follow the Board's recommendation.

More discussion followed about the money being held by PERC would/could defray costs including improvements and subsidies.

Some question as to whether the MRC are the good guys or the bad guys. They are an entity getting paid and paying salaries, so they are not a disinterested party.

Further discussion ensued including the dilemmas of the programs and the need to reach a consensus with the three towns. The discussion was then tabled until after the Ecomaine meeting. Motion Skip 1st, Dave 2nd. All approved.

4. Discussion of Maine State Prison.

The Board voted to go into executive session *relating to legal matter pending possible litigation*. Dave 1st, Jan 2nd all approved but Peter who abstained. Scott Johnson who was at the meeting objected to the executive session.

Paul said he would send wording for executive session. ***Concerning executive session the site is: 1 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated 405 (6) (E")***

Consultations between a body or agency and its attorney concerning the legal rights and duties of the body or agency, pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers and matters where the duties of the public body's or agency's counsel to the attorney's client pursuant to the code of professional

responsibility clearly conflict with this subchapter or where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the State, municipality or other public agency or person at a substantial disadvantage;

Meeting into Executive Session 8:25
Released from Executive Session 8:55

Motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:00, all approved.

Next meeting scheduled for March 9th at 7 pm at the Owls Head Town Hall.

