

## **OHSTT SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: February 11, 2015 (to replace meetings rescheduled due to storms)...Time: 7 PM...Place: Owls Head Town Office

**1. Call To Order:** 7:09 pm...present: Bruce Colson ( OH)as Chair, Skip Connell (ST), Vice Chair, Peter Lammert (T) as Treasurer, Dianne Darling (ST), Dave Matthews (OH), Ron Porter (T), Paul Gibbons Atty

2. Recognize Guest: Paul reports he has spoken to Civil Engineering Services of Brewer Maine about coming to transfer station to look at upgrades. Visit might cost \$500, but part of it might be reimbursed as part of the project. He will do the leg work for financing and pay off existing debit with an eye to keep payment about the same but over a longer period of time.

Object would be to get new container and other equipment that would aid facility...new drainage system and look to replace compactors that are 30 years old.

There was a discussion of getting a scale to better judge weight of pulls and for use with private haulers when summer is especially a heavy use time. Pine Tree is concerned about weight limits.

Paul voiced concern about a summer failure which would be catastrophic

MOTION TO SPEND \$500 for assessment of work at facility: Dave 1<sup>st</sup>, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved. Paul also mentioned he would try to get Jim Garrish from Camden/Rockport to come to the next meeting

3. Public Comments for Items Not On the Agenda: None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

4. Personnel Manual: Dave will bring hard copies to next meeting and will work with Chip for general operational procedures.

5. Review 2013 audit: Dave recommends approval and makes motion for that. Dave 1<sup>st</sup>, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved but Peter who abstained.

6. Valley bill from November: Valley bill was caused by Pine Tree driver. Chip should get a copy of the bill \$258 for invoice #1880 to reconnect plug.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

7. Extra night for a few months. Set for the second and last Thursday. Motion made, Dianne 1<sup>st</sup>, Dave 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

8. New site manager's pay. Discussion of scope of responsibilities. Dave asked Chip what he thought would be fair and it was decided to set his new rate at \$16/hour. Dave made the motion 1<sup>st</sup> and Skip 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved that it would also begin immediately.

9. Site manager's report (hand written report is attached to original minutes and available by request). Also discussion of repair by Valley of hopper. Repair would cost \$900-1200, take 1 ½ weeks plus labor of \$750. Feeling is the second hopper is not far behind and Paul suggested we ask about the cost of new hoppers. Motion made to repair hopper: Dave 1<sup>st</sup>, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

--Interstate work orders need to stay on premises with other work orders.  
--Haulers need to close the gates when they come in and discussion about issues with Pine Tree Haulers.  
--Fairpoint came and said telephone issue is that we need new phones and that the problem was not with the line.

There was a discussion about a letter from Bill Butler regarding violations, staff training not having been done, and an up to date manual not on the site. Paul will write him.

10. Bookkeeper's report: financials circulated and minutes from last meeting with change were approved. Skip 1<sup>st</sup>, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved.

11. Warrant circulated and signed.

12. Regarding the meeting about personnel, Peter said he thought the meeting should be declared null and void. Questioned why Dave was running the meeting and that he never heard a motion that he should be the moderator. He wants to know in the statement of resignation "what was the conflict of interest". Some discussion followed.

There was a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of January: Ron 1<sup>st</sup>, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dave had left the meeting but others approved except Peter who opposed.

There was a motion to approve minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting: Skip 1<sup>st</sup>, Ron 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved but Dave who had left the meeting.

13. Chip offered to use his tractor to remove snow. Reimbursement was discussed. Paul said a regular letter of contract should be written if he is doing the work. Discussion followed and \$30 per hour for work done off hours as indicated and approved. Motion: Ron 1<sup>st</sup>, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup> all approved but Dave who had left the meeting.

14. Extension of hours of operations was tabled by motion: Skip 1<sup>st</sup>, Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup>, all approved but Dave who had left the meeting

The next meetings were scheduled as follows: Feb 26 at 7 pm and the March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> .

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm with motion Skip 1<sup>st</sup>;Dianne 2<sup>nd</sup> and all present approved.