

OHSTT SOLID WASTE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Date: December 30, 2015 ...Time: 7. PM...Place: Owls Head Town Office

1. **Call To Order:** 7:06 pm....present: Peter Lammert (T), Ron Porter(T). Skip Connell (ST) and Dave Matthews (OH), Bruce Colson (OH) and Jan Gaudio (ST). Beverly St. Clair and Paul Gibbons joined later.

2. **Recognize Guests:** none at that time, Beverly St. Clair and Paul Gibbons arrived shortly after called to order.

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

OLD Business

4. **Vote on last month's minutes:** Motion to accept. Skip 1st, Ron 2nd all approved except Jan and Bruce who abstained as they were not at the last meeting.

5. 2016 Budget:

Dave sent out excel spreadsheets. Extended conversation about contingency operating budget line item 2%.

Much discussion about weighing trucks to collect data. Once trucks are weighed to determine tare they should only have to weigh in as we would have information on weight of empty truck.

Bruce said he wanted to bring a scale person to a meeting to give us information on either buying, renting or "whatever" of scales. More discussion of possible cost-efficiency of having a scale and potential that it might even be income producing.

Paul thinks a simple contract was necessary to have for Scott to allow "weigh-ins" so they would be protected. He also said we should send an ordinance to the towns to confirm OHSTT's position of weighing commercial haulers.

More on the weight issues: Commercial users are producing more trash than an individual and that cost should be recovered by OHSTT. Dave said he would draft a letter then the issue was tabled until the 1-14-16 meeting.

Conversation of difference between having an operations budget cushion and capital fund. It was decided to build a small operating cushion hopefully each year beginning with a 2% addition to the budget this year. Motion was made: Jan 1st, Skip 2nd, all approved.

6. **Set rate for towns and prisons:** It was agreed that the prison should pay its fair share and a motion was made to set the rates. Dave 1st, Jan 2nd and the vote was approved by all.

7. **Rates were set for all the towns** and were also voted unanimously by the board. Figures will be attached when budget is reworked a bit to add 2% contingency.

8. Personnel Committee: It was determined that an additional person needed to be appointed to the personnel committee which already includes Peter Lammert and Skip Connell. After a short discussion Jan Gaudio was nominated as a member and Dave Matthews was selected as an alternate. Paul said he would draft some information about the personnel committee. Motion was made: Dave 1st, Jan 2nd, all approved.

NEW Business

9. Site Manager Report:

- Chip thanked the Board for the bonuses.
- Spoke about dirt pile. Apparently Bill Butler is no longer with DEP and Chip wondered if we could dispose of dirt pile now....Was advised to wait and ask Mr Butler's replacement.
- Mentioned that Dave Hamlin wants a job at the transfer station.
- Short conversation about new shed
- Reported that Valley came out to look at #2 can
- Gave Board schedule of Scott's transfer of cans.
- Some discussion of first experience with Hamlin's snow plowing

10. Bookkeepers Report: Passed out non-audited copies of expenses vs. budget sheet for 2015

11. Sign the Warrant

12. Vote warrant Motion made Dave 1st, Peter 2nd, voted by all

13. Correspondence: None

14. Any other:

Peter and Jan spoke about the MRC meeting at Thomaston's Watts Hall and the potential new waste processing facility (fiberright facility). They described a bit about processes and desire of MRC to have towns sign up pre-facility to guarantee the amount of tonnage to make the operation work. They are an alternative to PERC and claim that they will be cheaper.

The meeting was a power point presentation. Feeling that towns are waiting to see what other towns sign up.

Paul said an engineer for Camden/Rockport are looking into alternatives as this has not yet been done in the US for profit.

PERC has no debt, but their next step does not seem clear. The question is "what is their plan?"

Paul thinks MRC could be the choice as PERC has not come up with a plan and seems to be poorly managed. And he noted that UMAINE wants to use MRC to buy gas and "go green".

Jan said agreements to join have been sent to towns and that MRC are hoping to get towns to sign up so they can get started.

Paul thinks MRC is the current best option.

Motion for the meeting to be adjourned at 9:40 Jan 1st, Skip 2nd, all approved.

Next meeting scheduled for January 14th 2016 at the Owls Head Town Hall.

