

Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

April 11, 2024

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Mont Vernon fire station meeting room at 5:01pm. Members attending were Joan Cudworth, Guy Wadsworth, Jack Esposito, Frank Powers, & Eric Slosek. Also attending were Scott Leard, Dennis Slocomb, & Debra Quinlan.

CITIZENS FORUM – Amanda Young asked about how plastic recycling in Mont Vernon will work. Joanie told her that once the Hollis newspaper box is empty it will be moved to Mont Vernon for plastic. She and Eric explained the complexities of plastic recycling and the challenges faced by a small town like Mont Vernon. Jack, Ben, & Dennis will discuss what plastic should be recycled.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2024 – There were not enough voting members in attendance. Tabled until the next meeting.

MINUTES OF MARCH 14, 2024 – Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jack seconded, and all others voted in favor.

UPDATE BY TOWN

AMHERST – Eric said that he just learned that the packer keys don't work, and employees have been using screwdrivers to start the packers. He also mentioned that trash falls out onto the ground from the old packers. Lastly, he said that the sorting trays are rotted, and holes have developed. He was told that the trays are the town's responsibility.

BROOKLINE – Scott mentioned that they will start combining newspaper & paper. He also said that they may use the extra box for colored plastic. Dennis suggested adding sorting tables.

HOLLIS – Joanie said that once the newspaper box is empty, they will start using the new gaylords for paper. She mentioned that they can transport the gaylords themselves.

MONT VERNON – Jack reported that newspaper and mixed paper will be combined.

RECYCLING UPDATE - Dennis provided the following prices for April:

	<u>Office Paper</u>	<u>Northeast Packaging</u>
Cardboard	\$110/ton	\$110/ton
Mixed Paper	\$20/ton	
Newspaper	\$205/ton	

SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE

BROOKLINE COMPACTOR – Dennis reported that the front compactor was working fine. Scott mentioned that they had cleaned it out.

OPERATIONS REVIEW – Deb provided the following total trash figures for the 1st quarter of 2024:

	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Trips</u>	<u>Ave Tons/Trip</u>
Amherst	548.38	29	18.91
Brookline	321.15	27	11.89
Hollis	561.57	39	14.40
Mont Vernon	173.47	16	10.84

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PAYABLES - All members reviewed the current invoices. Joanie made a motion to approve payment of those invoices and Frank seconded. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

SPARE MOTORS – Dennis had no new information.

MONT VERNON COMPACTOR – Dennis presented a quote from Maguire of \$44,490 for a compactor (\$14,239), a phase converter (\$3,880), 2 40-yard boxes (\$23,496), and freight (\$2,875). Bruce asked Dennis what a self-contained unit would cost, and Dennis was able to get an estimate of \$24,000-\$25,000 plus a converter & freight.

Eric suggested getting an estimate for electrical & other costs to set up a second trailer and suggested going with equipment that is interchangeable between towns. Dennis mentioned that a new trailer would cost \$120,000-\$130,000. Eric suggested that the SRLD develop a strategic plan.

AMHERST COMPACTOR – Bruce asked Dennis about the cost to refurbish the compactor. Dennis estimated \$40,000-\$60,000 depending on what he finds when he takes it apart. He also mentioned again that something must be done about the damage caused by salt. Eric said that he has arranged to meet with an engineer about a roof and deck.

NREL STUDY – Eric reported that the study is complete, and he will forward the report to the board for review and comment.

NEW BUSINESS

USDA GRANT – Paul Karpawich called to explain the plan for accepting and disbursing the \$80,000 grant for food waste diversion. The SRLD will open a new account at TD Bank, deposit the grant funds into that account, and cut checks to schools from that account. Paul will handle everything else and there will be no tax impact to the SRLD.

Frank made a motion to make Paul, Eric, & Jack signers on the new account. Guy seconded and all voted in favor.

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – Eric presented a proposal from Weston & Sampson to identify potential causes of outfall sampling exceedances for a fee of \$9,155. Joanie made a motion to proceed with the study for a cost not to exceed \$10,000 and to authorize Eric to sign the agreement and meet with the engineers. Guy seconded and all voted in favor.

MA INCINERATOR – Dennis mentioned that the incinerator in Lawrence is down, so he expects long wait times in Concord. Bruce will contact Jerry about allowing SRLD trash to be taken to Fitchburg at the Concord rate.

SRLD PLAN – Joanie suggested that the four directors meet to come up with a plan for SRLD pilot programs and equipment purchases.

ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR – Joanie made a motion to re-appoint Bruce as chair. Bruce abstained and all others voted in favor.

Eric made a motion to appoint Jack as vice-chair. Jack abstained and all others voted in favor.

NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 9th at 5:00pm in Brookline.

Joanie made a motion to adjourn, and Frank seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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