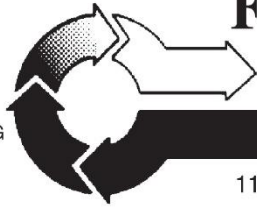


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DISTRICT BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES MEETING MINUTES May 19, 2021

Representatives and Alternates Present: Justin Lawrence – Bernardston; Andrea Donlon – Buckland; Marguerite Willis – Charlemont; Jonathan Lagreze – Colrain; Lynn Rubinstein – Conway; Bryan Smith – Erving; Hilma Sumner – Heath; Chris Boutwell – Montague; Terry Narkewicz – Shelburne; Doug Tanner – Wendell; Larry Kuttner – Whately

Representatives Absent: Reenie Clancy – Deerfield; MA Swedlund – Deerfield; Arthur Cohen – Gill; Bob Root – Hawley; Annette Herda – Leverett; Amy Fagin – New Salem; Bob MacEwen – Northfield; Ed Billiel - Orange; Priscilla Curtis – Orange; Tom Fydenkevez – Sunderland; Michael Mankowsky – Warwick

Others Present: Jan Ameen – Executive Director; Amy Donovan – Program Director; Stephanie Meehleder – Administrative Assistant

This was a virtual meeting via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

I. Review and Accept Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Boutwell to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting and seconded by Terry Narkewicz. Motion to approve was unanimous.

II. FY21 Budget year-to-date: An update was given on the current budget. Income is about 89% of what was budgeted overall. All overhead expenses are currently in line with some savings in travel expenses due to the pandemic. Sharps are up because we are assisting some towns with vaccine sharps disposal. Towns are paying the cost for the disposal of vaccine-related sharps. Some expenses are up due to the upcoming OSHA training and the upgrading of eyewash stations and purchasing of safety kits and other materials. Reimbursement from the towns will offset these expenses.

III. Executive Director's Report: Jan gave an update on the Springfield MRF Recycling Processing Fees. There has been a steady drop in net fees due to an increase in AMV (average market value). According to Lynn Rubinstein, polypropylene value has increased substantially for several reasons such as PPE use. This is part of the driving force of the AMV. This is great news and continues to result in towns being under budget in expenses for recycling processing fees. Jan also pointed out that there has been an increase of domestic processing plants as a result of China discontinuing the market for recyclables a few years back. It's also worth noting that

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once the AMV increases over the current base fee (currently \$93.50 but will increase to \$95.84 as of July 1), it will turn the net fee into net income with a 70/30 split with Waste Management. So the towns could actually see 70% of the total revenue in the next few months. DEP grant submissions have been extended to July due to a delay in receiving the grant guidance. The office has seen an increase in compost bin sales and a large order for recycling bins and Sure Close kitchen pails. An update on the upcoming OSHA standard training was discussed. There is a new law which requires all municipalities to comply with OSHA training for all transfer stations. There will be a training for all transfer station attendants next month as well as a training for town administrators at a later date. We are creating binders for transfer station attendants, for town administrators and a binder for safety data sheets for hazardous waste. There will also be an inspection checklist that the state has approved. The transfer station training will include natural disasters and fire prevention. There will be plans for spills and hazard communication, blood borne pathogens, sharps handling and mold hazards, to name a few. Each site will also receive a kit with most of the required supplies such as eye protection and hand protection. The source of the funds for the formation of this training is through the Department of Industrial Accidents. More information can be found in the Executive Director's Report.

IV. Program Director's Report: Amy reports that she has done a lot of outreach during the pandemic including the 14th annual Reduce Reuse Recycle Guide, Northern edition. In addition, another RRR guide was released in The Springfield Republican. The Springfield MRF Advisory Board continues to educate the public on the process of recycling. All the links to both websites have been sent to all the towns. This should serve as a good resource for residents with questions about recycling. Some of this information was designed to counter the negative reports and misinformation about recycling and to help educate the public. During the International Compost Awareness Week (May 2-8) the Greater Quabbin Food Alliance offered 3 composting webinars. Montague has launched their composting program at the transfer station this month. All of the links and more information can be found in the Program Director's Report.

V. Town Reports / New Business / Schedule Next Meeting: Next Hazardous Waste Day will be September 25th. The next Bulky Waste Day is scheduled for October 25th. The next board meeting will be September 22, 2021.

Chris Boutwell moved to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Jonathan Lagreze. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

The following written materials were used at the meeting:

- FY21 budget-to-date
- Springfield MRF AMV