



## **SSRC MSW Manager/Board Minutes**

**April 10, 2008, 7 pm, Kingston Town Hall; accepted 5/8/2008**

Attendance: **Cohasset:** Merle Brown\*; **Hanson:** Deborah Brownell\*; **Hingham:** Randy Sylvester\*; **Kingston:** Paul Basler\*, Doug Buitenhuis, Gene Wyatt; **Marshfield:** Bob Griffin\*; **Norwell:** Joanne M Dirk\*, Brian Flynn, Norm Thoms\*; **Plymouth:** Arthur Douylliez\*, Kerin McCall\*; **Rockland:** Rudy Childs\*, John Billings;

Janine Delaney, **MassDEP**; Barrett, **Bourne ISWMF**; Claire Sullivan **Ex. Dir., SSRC**

\* Appointed Board Members

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 7:10.

### **Dan Barrett, Bourne ISWMF, Current services, future plans**

Landfill (LF) takes municipal solid waste (MSW) and construction and demolition debris (C&D). Have outdoor transfer station (TS) for C&D. LF has 3 phases, 1 is capped, 2,3 are for C&D; will take down buildings to add capacity. Will be able to accept waste for 18-22 years at current rate. Aggressive about innovation, new technologies; want to divert waste from LF to prolong life. Currently accept 219K tons per year (TPY), allowed 700 TPD max.

Operating at half capacity, looking for municipal contracts; willing to offer any type of agreement, short or long term up to 10 years, Intermunicipal agreement (IMA), etc. No towns are bringing MSW yet. Bourne stepped up during SEMASS crisis after fire last spring, took 1200 TPD for 2 weeks. Expanding entrances, mining phase I area. They can arrange transport with 4-5 trucking companies; Tipping fee gate rate (commercial MSW) is \$95/ton; \$75-80 to towns. Recover LF gas – more hydrogen sulfide than methane in C&D areas; MSW generates more methane, will generate electricity or use as alternative energy at disposal plant.

They also accept source separated recycling at no charge, working on commingling paper fiber. Pay \$5/ton for cardboard (OCC). Have baling area for recyclables; building a transfer station. Processing space is limited, but they have a picking station., are exploring options.

Alternative disposal plans are 5-7 years out. Honing in on cocomposting; looking at gasification, anaerobic digestion (in LA Cy now); looking at bioreactor in LF; microbiologist lives across the street, helping to treat and prevent hydrogen sulfide problem.

What happens to C&D from munis? If high level of contamination, it is LFd; true C&D goes to ABC Disposal/New Bedford waste. How should towns report? Most of what towns send is processed, so put in recycling section of Data sheet.

Approve **February minutes** (vote) BG DB, AIF no discussion

**Treasurer's Report** same balance as last year; PB, MB, AIF

**Earth Day Celebration update**, spending plan (vote) PB, BG \$900 for promo items; MB tremendous job, hope its every year; AIF; \$550 for WATD from Waste Solutions, Rockland Federal Credit Union donations? PB, DB, AIF

**Plastic bag legislation** (vote); Bill proposes 2c- 15c plastic bag tax, graduated over 13 years; PB; 15c is a lot, he uses them for his trash. MB- self checkout cost; cause problems at landfills; PB moves not to support; BG seconds. 5 for motion, 5 against. June TM voting to ban plastic bags in certain stores; DB worst thing is stores use too many plastic bags; need to influence store managers to train staff to use bags wisely; PB Sun 9 pm National Geographic show about our consumption – copies for schools?

**Compost site issues** (discussion); Some towns have reported having issues with compost sites, either losing space or managing. Rockland site possibility to accept material from other towns. Is in tough shape right now, they don't grind, just stopckpile, separate leaves from brush. Hingham ConCom is considering alternate site; PB has 2 years worth of screened compost that nobody wants; Hingham might use for LF capping; Norwell might need too, JD will talk to Hwy Dept;

### **Executive Director's Report:**

Long term disposal planning – Greg Smith was one of 7 victims of housecleaning by new Commissioner. No longer with Cape Cod Commission. Still encourage towns to thing long term, regionally on disposal contract, bring contract end dates into line. COSC meeting unproductive, Chairman said “SEMASS is in the driver's seat”, didn't acknowledge alternatives. I will keep in touch with Cape towns.

Legislative Breakfast- food was cold, room was cold; do with PCHA next year?; form committee next year; only good thing about Rockland Radisson is location, accommodations aren't that great; Best Western? Bob will inquire;

Legislation update – Updated Bottle bill: sent to Study again (i.e. dead), may try through budget process. Doug B never sees a bottle on the ground at his place in Maine; no BB in Florida, lots of litter and recyclables in the trash;

2007 Data – trash is down 11% from 2005, Recycling is up; Ply fee is \$120; Coh \$50

RAA Avon - single stream plant should be operational in May

DPW Director openings – Duxbury, Scituate

**New business:** Tri town alliance got 5 proposals, hard to compare, each town has different program; very involved; Quincy has 27K HH, Wey 18K, Brainree 9.6K; WM, Allied, Capital, Purchase America;

Plymouth – any interest in a group bin order?; they sell for \$5; no interest

RS – Abitibi problems? No answer to emails; no response to calls for service, data;

RS resident complained about GotBooks making money; GB driver hit vehicles in Kingston;

**Next mtg:** Thurs, May 8 am Norwell. Frequency of pm meetings? Fewer people at evening mtg;

Respectfully submitted by Claire Sullivan, Executive Director