

## Solid Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

Board members present: Charlotte Hebert, Phil Griffin, Kim Drake, Adam VonDette, and Audrey Bethel  
Also present: Jon Daley, Laura Buono, Luke Levesque, Patrick(?) and Angela Poluchov

- Meeting begins with folks from each town reporting back to the group on how it went for them at their respective town meetings: Charlotte and Kim had good reception and talking to people. Adam and Audrey disseminated fliers on all chairs in Hillsboro and talked with folks too. Phil was not able to do anything in Deering, even though he tried to explain to town moderator, he thought he was soliciting.
- We discuss adding the S.W.A.B. flier to the Hillsborough Town Website link off the Transfer Station. Laura will look into it.
- Luke Discusses the meeting he had with the NRRA on Monday and the fact that they will also take Hillsboro's co-mingled plastics for just the cost of trucking fees and they are also dealing with same Pennsylvania plastics recycling/ manufacturer. Audrey & Luke talk about the meeting that they had with Marc up at Lebanon Recycling. Reported to the group how he agreed to take our co-mingleable plastic UN-bailed for up to a year to see how it works out before we would need to figure out our own bailing system in town. He would not charge us anything to take it, so Hillsboro would just have trucking costs. The discussion turns to getting tin out of the plastics stream, and possible ways to do that.
- Luke does not want to make a change, and then have to make another change soon down the road. In regards to separating tin—is that the main change? Or will we also want to separate out plastics #1 and #2? Also we will need to sort out black plastics for the Lebanon sorting situation. Therefore, he wants to have really made sure we are solid with a long term “game plan” before telling the residents who use the dump that there are any new practices they will need to adopt. The folks who actually work at the transfer station, Angela, Patrick and Luke, talk about several different possible ways that the changes could be implemented. Further discussion is needed. Luke says he would need more commitment from Marc to make changes. Also have him take a few loads and see if it's an acceptable amount of contamination.
- Jon mentions how important it would be to only have to tell the public to change their habits once. The more times people have to change home habits, the harder it will be.
- We discuss vertical Bailer machines, and the process of bailing plastics, which isn't as easy as cardboard or paper – because plastics have a “memory” and want to bounce back to former shape... Lebanon is bailing plastic in to large 1 ton bails. Luke mentions he might like to ask Marc in Lebanon if he would consider continuing to take our plastics loose if we would pay him to keep bailing for Hillsboro. Luke has priced out a used horizontal bailer machine for approx. \$15,000 range.
- Luke does say we will save at least \$25/ ton getting away from our current plastic deal.
- Patrick says we should look to what other communities are doing. For example, he says Derry has amazing state-of-the-art facility.

- Angela says one thing she has noticed from her experience in Peterborough transfer station is that it is important to plan for growth in the future when building buildings or designing the system process. Therefore, when thinking for Hillsboro—think about making a plan for how things could look in 10 years with maybe more residents. We would need to have option for future expansion built in.
- Kim speaks to the progress she has made in regards to talking with the Legion about separating their cans out. Charlotte comes into the meeting as it is being talked about. Sounds like the Legion is concerned about how the cans would be picked up from their trash area out back in a timely manner. Charlotte does not think the Project Genesis idea is a good one. Luke mentions that they already have someone collecting their trash in dumpster, also cardboard, etc. Might be worth asking if that person could do cans if they were in separate container as well?
- Audrey passes around print outs of sticker design mock-ups that Hillsboro Graphics did up for the S.W.A.B. The vote is that people like the one with the light green background on the right-hand corner. Audrey says she will price them out for next meeting.
- Laura says she will ask Chamber of Commerce about us coming to one of their breakfast meet ups to discuss ways local businesses can be more environmentally friendly.

Next Meeting: Thursday , April 18, 7:30 am