

**GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL REFUSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
DISTRICT MEETING – May 14, 2014**

Final Minutes

The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Committee held a publicly posted meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 3:30 PM at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 305, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA.

District Committee Members in attendance: Rosemary Tierney, Chairperson; Isaac Graves, Nathalie Dias, Christine LeBlanc, Stephen Mitchell and Jeff King.

Also present: Scott Alfonse, Executive Director; Cynthia Cammarata, Secretary and Matt Thomas, District Counsel, Hank Van Laarhoven.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Tierney called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

2. Salute to the Flag

All in attendance stood to salute the Flag.

Attorney Thomas recommended the Board Meeting go into Executive Session the reason being potential litigation. Chairperson Tierney stated that the Board will reconvene in open session right after Executive Session. Chairperson Tierney called for a roll call vote.

Chairperson Tierney – Aye
Nathalie Dias - Aye
Jeff King - Aye
Isaac Graves - Aye
Christine LeBlanc – Aye
Stephen Mitchell – Aye

Return from Executive Session.

Chairperson Tierney reopened the public session at approximately 4:10 PM.

3. Legal Notices

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion to accept that the Legal Notices were posted timely both in New Bedford and Dartmouth. Motion made by Mrs. Dias, seconded by Mr. King. Voted 6-0.

4. Approve minutes of April 16, 2014 Open Session

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion to approve the minutes of April 16, 2014 in Open Session. Motion made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Voted 6-0.

5. Review and Approve Warrant

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion to approve the current Warrant. Motion made by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. King. Voted 6-0.

6. Old Business

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a. Health Insurance Update

The Health Insurance Update was discussed in Executive Session.

7. New Business

a. Directors Report

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to receive and accept the Directors Report. Motion made by Mrs. Dias, seconded by Mr. Mitchell.

Chairperson Tierney recognized Mr. Alfonse, who addressed a question from the last Board Meeting with respect to the venting of trucks that will dispose of material at the Anaerobic Digestion Project. There will be no venting into ambient air, therefore there is no potential for odor. The trucks will be totally contained.

The Household Hazardous Waste event was well attended despite the rain, as was the Sharps and Drug take back event. Mr. Mitchell commented that the Social Media was good.

Mr. King asked about the timeline for the portable fence noting the decision to build them in house. Mr. Alfonse said that Mr. Peckham and Mr. Fillion have done a very good job in the design and in the construction. They are like big soccer nets, and can be moved by any of the equipment. Three have been fabricated already; about 20% completed. If the District were to order them, it would take 30-45 days to get them from California. Mr. King's concern was with staffing at the landfill. Mr. Alfonse said that the first one took about a week, and the next two under a week, and the quality is better than the fences for sale. Mr. Alfonse said District staff had also explored purchasing used fences, but they were not in good shape.

Chairperson Tierney asked for a vote to place the report on file. Voted 6-0.

b. Request from Town of Dartmouth to use Recycling Funds

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to vote to approve the request from the Town of Dartmouth to use \$100,000 of its recycling funds towards the purchase of a new recycling truck. Motion made by Mrs. Dias, seconded by Mr. King. Voted 6-0.

c. Request from Al Santos/Milton Street Site

The request from Al Santos/Milton Street Site will be taken out of order so that Ms. LeBlanc may be excused from the meeting.

8. Public Comment

None.

9. Set dates for next District Committee Meeting

The date for the next District Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Ms. LeBlanc exited.

7. c. Request from Al Santos/Milton Street Site

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to consider the request from Al Santos regarding the Milton Street Site. Motion made by Mrs. Dias, seconded by Mr. Graves.

Mr. Alfonse passed out a letter that he received today from Mr. Santos' consultant. Mr. Santos is an owner of a former junkyard on Milton Street in Dartmouth. Mr. Alfonse was initially contacted by Mr. Santos about one year ago requesting the District take the soil from the property for use of daily cover; at which time the landfill was taking COMM97 soils. About one week after the Dartmouth Board of Health vote to restrict COMM 97 soil, Mr. Lamminen contacted the District regarding disposal. The timing is unfortunate as the District is now unable to accept this material for cover; it would have to be for disposal. Mr. Alfonse explained to Mr. Lamminen that disposal at the landfill takes up air space; the rate for disposal is \$71 per ton for anyone who doesn't have a contract with the District. Atlantic Environmental Services, Inc. opinion is that soil takes up less airspace than solid waste, and as such Mr. Lamminen has requested that the GNBRRMD Committee approve a reduced tipping fee of \$20 per ton. Mr. Alfonse explained that \$20 per ton is what the fee is for cover; and the landfill gets some benefit from cover and it doesn't consume airspace. Mr. Alfonse said that the District should consider the benefit that it does help facilitate the cleanup of a site in the Town of Dartmouth that is in a residential area.

A discussion ensued regarding what price the District would be willing to charge. It was decided to negotiate a price starting at \$30 per ton; but not to go below \$25 per ton. It is estimated to be approximately 2,000 tons. As a general rule, the District does not take soil for disposal.

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion to negotiate the fee for \$30 per ton; \$25 is the bottom line. Motion made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Graves. Voted 5-0.

10. Landfill Operation – Soil Reuse

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion to hear an update on the Town of Dartmouth's new Contaminated Soils Regulations. Motion made by Mr. King, seconded by Mr. Graves.

Mr. Alfonse referred to the Dartmouth Board of Health Contaminated Soils Regulations provided in the packet. Mr. Alfonse asked the Board of Health for clarification of their definition of COMM-97 soils because it is a gray term. The intent of the Board of Health is that COMM-97 soils does not apply to "clean materials" (material that would come from a gravel pit or virgin source). The District is complying with the regulation and does not have any COMM-97 soils stored on site.

Chairperson Tierney called for a vote to place the report on the Town of Dartmouth's new Contaminated Soils Regulations on file. Voted 5-0.

11. Adjourn

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Mr. Graves, seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Voted 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM.