

Blue Hill/Surry Solid Waste Committee

As approved by the Solid Waste Committee at its August 2nd meeting

July 5, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Committee Members: Blue Hill - Dow, Miller

Surry- Treworgy (chair)-remotely, Stark, Welgoss

Transfer Station Manager: Jewett

Participating Towns: Brooklin/Cohen

Other: Joe Hayes, BH Interim TA; Becky Wilber, BH Treasurer

The meeting was open to the public in person or via the internet.

The meeting was called to order by Treworgy at 4:07 pm. No agenda distributed in advance.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved 5-0

Manager's Report.

- +Unanticipated forklift maintenance required. Cost not yet determined.
- + Heavy weekend usage. Filled a can on Saturday. Late arrival of DM&J transport required using single sort can for excess MSW and sent to PERC
- + Still no action on new signage. Eric volunteered to work with Jeff on this.
- + Cardboard load sold- 43 bales. Half a load is on the warehouse. Baling 2-3 bales per week.
- + Staff includes 3 part-timers currently. One may become full-time.
- + PERC was closed for one week and one day, so MSW went to Juniper Ridge at increased cost

Newsletter. Eric reported that the newsletter was done and will be in the mail shortly. Handout cards with user info will be available at the TS.

Outsourcing Management Contract. Draft is being developed by subcommittee of Miller, Treworgy and Welgoss. Key will be getting specific metrics of performance requirements. Next meeting of the subcommittee is July 7th.

Financials. Treasurer Wilber reported that only Blue Hill and Surry had paid the full 50% of the required fee by the second payment deadline. Letter to other towns was to be sent. Cohen spoke again at length about the three participating towns timing issue given their fiscal years and his "problem" with the interest required in the license agreement. He also complained about communications.

Report on "Pay As You Go" session with Eco-Maine. Stark sent around a written report prior to the meeting. Members questioned whether it would work here. Questions included these: would illegal dumping be a problem? does it amount to a regressive tax hitting low-income residents hardest?

MRC Public meeting on July 27th. Discussion of MRC's plans and whether the Committee should take some action that would help release the Committee from MRC.

Revised License Agreement. Question raised whether a Special Town Meeting is required or whether the 2016 Amendment to the Blue Hill /Surry Interlocal Agreement provides the Committee authorization to act. No decision about this.

Investment Sub-Committee. Met with Bar Harbor Bank and Trust which provided a proposal. Will ask the First Bank for a proposal.

Adjournment. 5:13 pm