

## **Blue Hill/Surry Solid Waste Committee**

*As approved by the Solid Waste Committee at its July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting*

### **June 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Attending: Committee Members: Blue Hill - Dow, Miller / Surry- Treworgy (chair), 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 4:05 pm.

Minutes. Minutes of the May meeting were approved 4-0-1 (Miller abstention)

Meeting with Bar Harbor Bank and Trust. Miller informed the Board of a scheduled meeting on June 8 with the bank to discuss investing the transfer station reserve funds. Welgoss, Miller and Wilber to attend.

Eco-Maine Presentation. Stark reminded the Committee of a June 15 presentation at 4pm via zoom re pay per bag. Hayes reported on his experience at Brewer and Stockton Springs with pay per bag.

Outsourcing Management per Contract. Treworgy reported on initial discussion with Jewett. Asked Welgoss and Miller to assist in developing the terms of the deal. Cohen expressed concerns and requested to be kept closely informed. Jewett described his vision: his company would take over the budget and the operation of the T/S. Goal: to have terms in place by July 1 and use last half of the year as a trial run.

Staff Pay Increase. Jewett expressed the need to increase the hourly rate of pay to attract workers at the T/S; suggested \$20/hr. Discussion. Would apply to 1 full-time employee, 1 part-time employee and 1 full-time seasonal employee. Approved \$20 rate 5-0.

New signage at T/S. Jewett has not acted on this directive by the Committee.

PFA Testing. Discussion. Voted 5-0 to authorize Woodward & Curran engineering firm to do PFA testing if cost to be fully reimbursed by state DEP. Dow to follow-up with W&C.

MRC. Brief update on MRC's deal re Fiberight plant. Surry resident wanting to speak about Fiberight was directed to talk directly with MRC.

New License Agreement Status. Per Cohen: Brooklin SB authorized to sign; Sedgwick has an upcoming meeting; Brooksville needs authorization meeting – all expected to be complete by end of June. Surry and Blue Hill need to schedule special town meetings to seek approval.

Financials. Review and discussion of revenue and expense reports. Jewett reported that price of cardboard is down to \$133 per ton. T/S has 59 bales currently (2 bales per ton). Treworgy reported that the cost of the newsletter and cards would be \$3800, higher than projected.

Payments by Participating Towns. Wilber reported that 3 towns have not fully paid their first quarter or their second quarter payments. Interest is accruing. The late payments require the T/S to rely on Blue Hill to fund the T/S's cash flow needs. Miller to draft letter to towns about the late payments.

Adjourned at 5:13pm

*Minutes prepared by J.Dow*