

**TCSWMO MEETING
Union Town Office
July 26, 2018**

The following directors were present: John Shepard, James Bailey, Dana Philippi, Elaine Porter, Gordon Thebeau, Norman Casas, Henry Hall, Charlotte Henderson, Heather Wyman and Peter Beckett.

Also present were David Stanley, Facility Manager, and Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant.

John Shepard, President opened the meeting at 7:08 pm. John introduced the new members and everyone introduced themselves.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Jim Bailey and seconded by Henry Hall to accept the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Heather asked about what MRC means. David explained the relationship of MRC and PERC where we shipped our trash until this past March 31. We paid dues and received dividends from MRC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The checking account balance is \$107,944.15. The Reserve Account balance is \$100,451.92 and Accounts Receivable is: \$0 as we are no longer billing Casella. Norman Casas made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Don Thebeau seconded. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Shepard has item he would like to introduce as part of the agenda. The Union Selectboard does this in their meetings, requesting any comments from Towns or compliments. John started with a compliment as he hears only compliments and no complaints.

John would like to have a bit more of a public profile like a website. Each town does offer information on their own site. He feels that the more info the better. Norman and Jim supported it. Peter checked with Hayden Martz about the URL and we still have the domain name. Peter said it is usually the new people we need to inform. The website does not need to be updated by the Manager. David would offer cooperation, pictures and send them to the organizer. The cost is \$15/month and \$250 & \$400 to recreate the website. If we do it ourselves it would be less which Peter feels he could do. Jim stated that we could include info before it happens. Heather said that there are so many small groups that maybe we could eventually be part of a larger group such as schools.

John has also spoken with David about having presentations in our various towns. David would do this but we need to have a meaningful forum. Charlotte said that there are lots of questions about what to do about China and plastics, etc. David said it is frustrating when people come by expecting a global answer for a Tri-County issue. John will ask at the Union Library or Town Office about a presentation. Jim Bailey mentioned the terrible effect of plastics on the oceans. David stated that our plastic doesn't go into a land fill; it is burned to produce electricity. Charlotte said the Station looks like a park these days.

Facility Manager's Report:

At long last we received word from Lincoln Co. Recycling. Our annual fee is \$24458. We budgeted \$18965 so this is an increase of \$5493. David went up 6% in his budget not knowing what was going to happen. The fact that they are no longer picking up all the plastic and the decreased number of trips as a result is factored in. For the first time ever they gave us a breakdown on expenses: transportation, labor and by Town. They do give us a break because Somerville is a Lincoln County town.

This is a 37% increase over last year. They did reduce the rate in 2017 when Palermo left.

Lincoln Co. manages the sale of the items they take. We are not in a position to bale cardboard. What we have

must be processed to be marketable. We'd need more site work, power and employees to do that. We've only taken mixed plastics since about 6 years ago. David looked briefly into single stream. Environmentally he doesn't like the idea; it is more expensive to get rid of, transportation is more expensive and it must be compacted. Lissa Bitterman is an advocate but acknowledge the need for more equipment, etc. Single stream towns are now having trouble with the now unrecyclable mixed plastic included. All but 12% of what we ship out gets recycled.

Heather reported that she can go to Unity and pay a \$30 yearly fee and take her plastic recycling there. David said he doesn't know what their recycling option would be. Jim Guerra has to pay to get rid of his.

Personnel: Jeff was working Saturday but this was not working for him. David hired Bruce Tibbetts to work Saturday. For a few weeks they will work together. Don Hannon is coming up on his six months. David will give him a small merit raise after the six months. He's working a starting wage and someone else just started at that rate. Bruce came in and spent some time to see how he liked it.

We are taking large plastic on a limited basis. The large plastic area is chained off now as people were dumping other trash and dirty plastic there.

The scale was serviced two weeks ago, we had some issues and ACME came a couple times. They are going to winterize the scale shed. The doors and material are from the demo bin plus new materials. They will try to keep the scales open as much as possible this coming year.

The trailers have received ongoing repairs. Two tires were replaced as well as hydraulic lines. David and Walt have been doing the repairs at the station because it is hard to get service on short notice. Also, tractor service is being done by David Larrabee of Hollow Cow Farm in Union.

David is keeping an eye on demo and trash figures and we are not losing money.

A couple meetings ago David mentioned having trouble with people showing up within just a few minutes of closing time. Waldoboro and Nobleboro have signs saying that the gate closes 15 minutes early. David initially didn't want to do that but in the last few weeks there has been an increase in very late traffic and this resulted in some unpleasant encounters. Some of these customers are repeats. David made the decision to close the gate at 4:20 and is having Joly make a sign. It should be up by the beginning of August. The crew has had trouble even getting to the gate to close it by then. The sign will be installed on a 4x4 post out by the road so people will know. It will be phased in to let people get used to it. If they're in the gate at 4:20 they will have complete service. We do try to accommodate.

We discussed the weight of filled bags. David said that having them tied helps control that.

Lincoln Co takes household scraps for recycling. If we ever did take these scraps, David would do it with them. It would need to be stored inside as animals are a problem with the tin cans. We've tried with compost and demo but people threw painted wood and non-compostable food in and it ruined the program. It is more environmentally sound to compost at your own home.

Election of Officers:

Jim Bailey nominated and Don Thebeau seconded Norman Casas as **Vice President**. Motion Carried
Dana Philippi made a motion that the rest of the Board remain the same. Jim Bailey seconded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Second Quarterly Financial reports and the July warrant were handed out to board members.
A copy of the final report for 2017 from the auditor was handed out to each town.

The next meeting is on October 25 in Washington at the Fire Station.

The preliminary budget meeting is Wednesday, December 20 in Appleton at the Town Office.

Dana Philippi made a motion and Norman Casas seconded to adjourn at 8:33 pm.

Submitted by, Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant