

MEETING
Somerville Town Office
April 26, 2018

The following directors were present: John Shepard, Dana Philippi, Henry Hall, Elaine Porter, Jim Bailey, Peter Beckett, Don Thebeau and Norman Casas.

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

John Shepard, President opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Jim Bailey and seconded by Gordon Thebeau to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2018 meeting as amended. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The checking account balance as of today is \$ 115,819.76. The Reserve Account balance is \$96,435.90 and Accounts Receivable (Casella) as of today is: \$ 2,046.27. Norman Casas made a motion and James Bailey seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Gail will transfer \$4,000 from checking account to the Reserve account as discussed in the January meeting.

One payment is still due from Casella & the last payment has been made to PERC.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Casella is not a predictable number but is an expense and revenue. CMP has gone up. The scale shack is not used in the winter when it is icy. The MRC payment is the last one. We have received quarterly payments up until now. Metal sales are good; they are paying us for light iron rather than tin.

On April 1 we transitioned to shipping household waste to ecomaine in Portland. They are working on their efficiency there. David is hoping that there will not be an additional cost from Ahlholm for extra time spent waiting to unload.

David has been trying to keep bag costs at \$2. We have said bags needed to be closed and tied. There have been problems with a few people not doing this.

We are no longer recycling plastic other than #2. This was Lincoln County Recycling's decision not ours. This plastic was mostly being shipped to China and China has said they want no more post-consumer material. David held on as long as we could but Lincoln Co. said that as of 4/1/18 they were no longer going to be hauling it. David visited and called neighboring stations. Almost all but MCSW said they are just putting it in trash. MCSW has a lot of employees but Jim hasn't always been able to sell the plastic. One consolation is that our trash is being burned for energy. A lot of places that left PERC are shipping to landfills. Also, Fiberight is not yet ready. PERC said they would temporarily take their trash and burn it. MRC sent response saying they are not allowed to do that and the trash is going to the Norridgewock landfill.

John asked if this is a permanent solution. David hopes something will come up as has happened in other countries.

Bags – every year about this time we order 100,000 give or take. David is trying to get some rolled in groups of 5. He has ordered 35,000 singles and 75,000 rolled from two different companies. There is a problem with bags failing when it is cold. David bought a micrometer for testing the thickness of the bags. He has had customers try some in the station.

New employee Don Hannan seems to get along well with everyone. He is a retired dairy farmer and can use a backhoe though pushing trash is different than dirt. Leo Karczewski has left so David is looking for

another Saturday employee.

The demo tipping fee has increased from \$63.00 to \$70.00 a ton which is close to what we were paying MCSW but transportation is higher.

We had to have a tire replaced on a trailer. David may keep a spare tire on hand but the trailers use different kinds.

Lincoln County Recycling – We don't have a bill yet and they have not come up with a fee. David is seeking an answer. They are no longer taking mixed plastic but will take some hard plastics e.g. sleds. David will close off the back area and monitor what we take which right now is strictly #2. David was interviewed for an article that appeared in the Camden Herald.

The Personnel Policy was reviewed and updated to show the departure of Palermo and updated hours.

Articles amended: Art 4, 4.1b. & 7.1 as follows:

Elaine Porter made a motion and Peter Beckett seconded that ARTICLE 4, Section 4.1 b. should read:

Part-time employment is an appointment to a budgeted position to work less than a standard work week on a continuing basis as above. Part-time employees are only paid for hours actually worked, and are not eligible for insurance benefits except those mandated by the State Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Compensation Insurance Laws. However they are eligible to receive remaining benefits provided in conformity with established personnel policy. (Vacation, sick leave, holidays and bereavement.) Motion passed.

Peter Beckett made a motion and Don Thebeau seconded that ARTICLE 7, Section 7.1 the first paragraph, should read:

Vacation with pay is available to regular, part time and salaried employees only. Each employee within this classification shall earn vacation with pay on the following basis: Motion passed.

Website: Peter will follow up with Hayden Martz about maintaining the URL.

Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day:

This event will be held June 17th from 8:30 – 11 am. It is always the third Saturday in June. We subsidize it and the fee for users is still \$10/unit. We signed an agreement with the Paint Care program which has helped us a lot; they will take paints at no cost to us or the customer. Latex and alkyd house type paint only.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Quarterly Financial reports were emailed to all members who have email and copies brought to the meeting for those without email. The April Warrant was handed out to board members at the meeting.

The next meetings are on: July 26 - Union Town Office
October - Washington Town Office
December - Liberty Town Office

Peter Beckett made a motion and John Shepard seconded to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Submitted by, Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant