

CARVER, MARION, WAREHAM REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 27, 2019
5:00PM

Members present: Steve Cushing, Norman Hills, Bill Duggan, David Robertson, David Menard, Gary Buckminster, Bob Partridge, Jeffrey Osuch (Executive Director)

Others present: Joseph Benedict, Todd Koep, Michael Milanoski, Lori Bardwell

1. Minutes for February 27, 2019 were approved as written.

2. Administrative:

- Jeff reported that he had taken Lori Bardwell to Eastern Bank to sign paperwork so that she could sign checks. Norm reported that he had letter that authorized Lori to sign the checks less than \$10K that are not related to her salary or related expenses. Norm also reported that Jeff had requested online banking for Lori. Norm stated that he did not want to initiate online banking without the approval of the Board. He would be the account administrator and would grant Lori permission to access the operational and payroll accounts. A motion was made and seconded to initiate online banking, unanimous vote.

3. Financial:

- The February Bills Warrant for \$39,973.44 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded to approved, voted unanimously.
- The February Payroll Warrant for \$7,908.93 was presented. It was noted that there were no Marion charges. Motion to approve was made and seconded, approved unanimously.
- Jeff provided copies of the assessment letters sent to each Town noting that the next payment is due in April.
- Jeff is trying to recreate a one-year budget, will have better information for the next meeting. He noted that financially the District is ok.
- A short discussion addressed the need for five separate District banking accounts.

4. Operational:

- Jeff provided a data sheet of vehicles using the Benson Brook Transfer Site. The data continues to support his earlier usage:
 - 68% of the users come from Wareham
 - 28% of the users come from Marion
 - Wednesday is the lowest vehicle count but not much lower than Tuesday
 - Friday, Saturday, and Sunday are generally the heaviest use days, with four hours on Sunday almost having the same vehicle count as eight hours on Saturday.
- Jeff has no data for the Route 28 Transfer Site.
 - There is no accounting of usage at the site, still waiting for signs that SEMASS promised. Jeff has the security company waiting that would put a person at the gate to record data and turn away non-qualified users.
 - Jeff has been told that the three compactors need replacement, something the District would have to buy. Jeff was told they cost \$100K each for trailer compactors, but Todd reported that Kingston bought some recently and they cost approximately \$15K for ground mounted compactors.
 - Jeff reported that traffic into the site can back up onto RT28, especially in the summer. This may get MassDOT involved. Something to consider in deciding which site to close,

he noted that Marion site has half mile of road to back up on. Another thing that would have to be done at this site is a wetland determination before any changes could be planned.

- The subject of stickers was scheduled at request of Wareham but both reps have left. Jeff noted that the sticker fee will have to be higher. If the sticker cost is high enough, residents may want curbside pickup. If we do raise the sticker price should be next January. Discussion noted that we may need multiple stickers for different purposes. Todd noted that Plymouth has an automated system for reading stickers. Jeff announced that his working subcommittee would meet with Todd.
- Scrap metal – Jeff reported that under the new arrangement to remove the scrap metal, there have been two pulls. We have received a check for \$1147. Compare that to years of history of no financial return, there were 28 pulls last year alone.
- Compost material – Dave Robertson reported that he had located a company that would be interested in taking all the leaf/compost piles. Need to talk to Jon Henry
- Jeff reported that ABC facility tour on 22 March was well attended and informative.
- Tonnage – Jeff reported that he had met with SEMASS yesterday and they are fully aware that the Carver and Wareham carriers are taking advantage of the no tipping fee by including waste from other towns. Discussion on who is responsible for correction, the Board or the Towns, without resolution.
- Discussion of need for Hazardous Waste Day with no decision. Jeff to research.

5. Next meeting: regularly scheduled meeting will be April 24, 2019 at 5PM at the Marion Police Station.

6. Motion at 5:00PM to adjourn into executive session to discuss contract litigation update. Unanimous roll call vote. Returned to open meeting at 5:40PM. Motion at 7:20 to adjourn into executive session to discuss contract negotiations, will not return to open meeting. Unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully

Norman A. Hills