

CARVER, MARION, WAREHAM REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 29, 2019  
5:00PM

Members present: Steve Cushing, Norman Hills, Bill Duggan, David Menard, Marietta Maraccini, Robert Bilbin, Jim Munise, Jeffrey Osuch (Executive Director)

Others present: Jay McGrail, Derek Sullivan, Michael Malinoski

1. Minutes for April 24, 2019 were approved with the two new members abstaining.

2. Administrative:

- Two new members, Robert Bilbin from Carver and Jim Munise from Wareham were introduced. Jay McGrail, the new Marion Town Administrator was also present.

3. Financial:

- The April Bills Warrant for \$52,302.85 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, voted unanimously.
- The Payroll Warrant for \$10,004.85 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, approved unanimously.
- Jeff presented a Profit and Loss spreadsheet from July 2018 through April 2019. Bottom line is that we have \$658,331.03 in the bank. This does not count the reimbursements that we will get for the just signed warrants.
- Jeff also provided a spreadsheet with his estimated expenses for July 2019 through June 2020. The estimate is \$935,900.00. Mike commented that if we had to pay tonnage costs that estimate would be close to \$1.6M.
- The Board discussed town assessments for next fiscal year. After much discussion of the immediate need based on the current bank balance, a motion was made and seconded to suspend the assessment for the first two quarters and review at that time to determine the need for the rest of the year. Voted unanimously.

4. Operational:

- Jeff provided a data sheet of Benson Brook Transfer Site activity starting in February. 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 now has two weeks of data for the Route 28 Transfer Site. The vehicle count is twice that of Benson Brook Transfer Site. Usage is about 60% Wareham and 30% Carver. The heavy use day is on Saturday.
- Route 28 Transfer Site data has been gathered by the new security guards. Initially the guards were approved for three weeks, SEAMASS has approved an additional two weeks. There has been an initial high refusal count for no stickers, it is dropping off as the word gets out.
- Tonnage - Jeff provided an updated tonnage comparison chart that compares the January thru April 2019 tonnage for the Towns and two transfer stations for the year 2019 to the three prior years 2016, 2017, and 2018. The April tonnage numbers are too low for Carver and Wareham due to Howland being sold.

- Stickers – Long discussion about sticker prices
  - Need new sticker fees starting 2020, should be consistent across all towns
  - Carver has raised fee to \$50 and has seen lower take rate
  - Potential fee could exceed \$250 in order to provide operating income, expect to see take rate decrease resulting in need for higher fee
  - Would need 6,000 customers at \$250 to raise \$1.5M needed to operate, that probably won't happen
  - Plymouth experienced going from 3 transfer facilities to one due to residents not paying for high cost stickers
  - Should we create a handout questionnaire about sticker fee?
  - Should we consider a license plate reader capability? Other possible options include online payments, pay-as-you-go kiosk, buying bags
- Scrap metal – Received \$1424 for last month.
- Hazardous Waste Day – We are set for 9AM to 12PM on June 1 at 95 Charge Pond Rd in Wareham, Carver. Expect a good turnout. Jeff will provide recommendation to the Board at the next meeting about next year's event and the need to contract soon.
- Rt 28 transfer site – Jeff explained that GAF had a botanist flag the site and provided rough pictorals of the wetlands areas. The effort so far cost \$2K, Jeff estimates another \$4.3K needed to complete the site plan. Norm pointed out that we need the information on plans to understand the impact on the current installation and any future plans. Discussion addressed potential entrance off of Kings Highway and internal changes. Motion made and seconded to have GAF do the work through item #4 of their letter. Approved with one abstention.
- CMWRRDD Future – questions/comments
  - Do we have a business plan
  - Need to determine if we keep going or not first
  - Will there be one or two transfer sites
  - Is this a dying need, is it economically viable
  - If we stop, still have to pay retirement benefits
  - Will we be doing composting again
  - Need to reduce where we are financially to paper, projections of what is needed to continue to operate so that towns can determine if they want to continue to participate
  - Should have at least two people to run a transfer station
  - Earlier estimate of \$1.5M annual cost to operate did not include cost of recycling
  - Equipment at Rt 28 site will require capital investment to replace

5. Next meeting: regularly scheduled meeting will be June 26, 2019 at 5PM at the Carver Fire Station.

6. Motion at 7:48PM to adjourn

Respectfully

Norman A. Hills