

CARVER, MARION, WAREHAM REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2019
5:00PM

Members present: Steve Cushing, Norman Hills, David Menard, John Cotter, Robert Bilbin, Jim Munise, Bob Partridge, Bill Duggan, Jim Munise, Joseph Benedict, Jeffrey Osuch (Executive Director)

Others present: Jay McGrail, John Waterman, Michael Malinoski, Derek Sullivan, Todd Koep, Chloe Shelford (Wareham Week), Mary McK? (Wicked Local), Queen Banda (Wareham TV), Ann Marie Brooks (Wareham Recycling Committee)

1. Minutes: the minutes from the July 31, 2019 meeting were approved with one abstention.

2. Financial:

- The Bills Warrant for \$31,311.27 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 2019.
- Jeff noted that he has provided all the information requested but is still waiting for a response from the auditor.
- Scrap metal check for \$1343.93 received.
- Expect next check from SEMASS will be \$98K+

3. Operational:

- Jeff provided a data sheet of Benson Brook Transfer Site activity starting for August; the data continues to show consistent usage.
- Jeff reminded us that SEMASS will fund the security guard for one week each month in August, September, and October. The chosen week will not be announced in advance
- Tonnage - Jeff provided an updated tonnage comparison chart that compares the January thru July 2019 tonnage for the Towns and two transfer stations to the three prior years 2016, 2017, and 2018. Continues to show that Route 28 has most tonnage.
- Stickers – extensive discussion about sticker prices continued, touching the following topics:
 - Can we afford two sites without subsidy? If going to close Benson Brook, Marion needs advance notice for transition. Would probably need Benson Brook to cover when construction at Rt 28. If kept beyond December 2020, could alternate operation of the two sites. If we close Benson Brook and then tried to reopen it we would have DEP permitting problem
 - Jeff reminded us we need data, not opinion to make decisions. The District currently has approximately \$700K, we can expect that to move up slightly. Would need about \$700K to make Rt 28 modifications (could alternately pay for unfunded liabilities). He disagreed with closing Benson Brook, maybe curtail hours. Right now we process approximately 7500 tons/yr from both sites, estimating 8000 tons at \$80/ton results in \$640K disposal fees. Add recycling fees or \$100K/yr
 - Question of including Rochester in sticker process but Jeff reported that they just signed contract with SEMASS for zero cost. Discussion indicated that Rochester should pay same rate as others.
 - Where to dispose is becoming a big problem, landfills are closing down resulting in volatility of market prices.

- Discussion of sticker fee was far ranging, Mike had provided spreadsheet on estimated fees based on different numbers of stickers sold. Should there be a fee and then separate bag costs (and associated process for selling bags)? At what level do sticker fees exceed cost of private hauler? Should sticker fees vary for (1) senior.vet, (2) cars, (3) pickup truck, (4) commercial truck? After a high volume discussion a motion was made to set the sticker fee for 2020 at \$125, seconded, voted 7 for, 2 nay. The \$125 fee for 4600 stickers would raise the projected operating costs for 2020. Start sales November 15. If the sales do not meet expectations then we need to re-evaluate the decision on what to do in December 2020.
- Hazardous Waste Day
 - Jeff presented the contract for the next hazardous waste day on November 16 from 9AM to 12Noon and discussed the requirements at each site. After a short discussion consensus was that each town will coordinate with the contractor. Motion was made to approve the contract, seconded and approved.
- Rt 28 transfer site
 - John Waterman commented that CMW investment in the Rt 28 site was not in the best interest of Marion residents.
 - Discussion about actions needed before work could commence, when the work would need to start
 - Motion made, seconded, and approved that Jeff would continue working with GAF and Rochester to clarify the requirements we would have to meet to modify the Rt 28 transfer site.
- Benson Brook transfer site – John Waterman commented that closing the site would be a problem for Marion residents, wanted understanding that the site would continue until December 2020. Followed a discussion that included Dave Menard making a motion to close the site Jun30 2020. Another discussion followed and the motion was not seconded.
- Grants – Jeff handed out information on the grant program. A package was provided to one member of each town. He reminded us that all three towns have to have current plans for CMW to qualify for a grant.

4. Next meeting: meeting will be September 18, 2019 at 5PM at Carver.

5. Motion at 8:20PM to adjourn

Respectfully



Norman A. Hills

WINDYBROOK TOWN SHED INC
2020 BUDGET APPROVED