

LAKES REGION HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS PRODUCT FACILITY
JOINT BOARD MEETING
MINUTES 10-19-16

MEMBERS PRESENT: Liz Dionne, Alton Town Admin/member rep, Chair/Treasurer; Sarah M Silk, Site Coordinator, Wolfeboro member rep, Vice-Chair/Secretary; Kerry Long, Tuftonboro Transfer Sta/member rep

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: David Jeffers, LRPC Regional Planner

I. Approve Minutes:

Liz Dionne opened the meeting at 7:05 AM. Introductions took place with Kerry Long who was in attendance for Tuftonboro. Sarah Silk provided him with copies of the Agenda and Minutes from 9-21-16 sent to Tuftonboro Transfer Station.

Kerry provided Sarah with a direct email address, cell number, etc, as he will be the Tuftonboro member rep in place of Clay Gallagher. She will update the internal contact list.

With a motion from Liz and a second from Sarah, the Minutes from 9-21-16 were accepted as written. Kerry abstained as not having been present.

II. Confirm Meeting Dates 2016:

There was a discussion regarding meeting times for the six Nov thru April meetings. Currently, it will be changed to 8 AM. The May thru Oct times will remain at 7AM.

Sarah noted that the Agenda should be changed to reflect the Dec 14 date as Wednesday. It was explained to Kerry that meeting dates are distributed at the January Joint Board meeting to get on everyone's calendar before they fill up.

He said he was available any day for the Joint Board meetings.

III. Treasurer's Report:

As Paulette Wentworth had been out of the office, Liz did not have the Treasurer's Report at the opening of the meeting as Paulette had not yet arrived in the office for the day. (Note: David Jeffers joined the Board at 7:10.)

IV. Collection Reports:

Sarah reported on the final October collection which was less well attended than usual. (September attendance was unusually high.) Total number of HH for HHW for the 2016 season was 669 as compared to 705 for the previous year.

Medication disposal had a total of 107 HH with 6 gal controlled meds, 73 gal non-controlled meds, and 44 gal over-the-counter and personal care products for a total of 123 gallons. The previous year had an unprecedented med collection as DEA did not collect meds in the spring with 12 gal controlled, 87 gal non-controlled and 85 gal over-the-counter and personal care products for a total of 184 gallons.

The combined attendance for 2016 is 776 compared to 856 for 2015. (2014 was 785 HHW and med combined.)

V. Correspondence to LRHHPF Treasurer:

Sarah read a letter from the Tuftonboro BOS forwarded to her and Liz by Paulette Wentworth who had received it by mail on or about 10-16-16.

It referenced their 9-26-10 meeting attended by the LRHHPF Site Coordinator, Sarah Silk, notifying them of the suggested increase in the annual HHW budget. The BOS had made several determinations:

- 1-They will only be budgeting \$4,000.
- 2-They believe the passes are valued at a specific amount and believe that amount will cover 50 passes at 10 gal/pass
- 3-Any Tuftonboro person exceeding 10 gal must pay at the non-member price in 5 gal increments as passes are limited to 1 each for a resident.
- 4-Tuftonboro people can not get a pass except on collection day.
- 5-A pass can no longer be assigned at the LRHHPF site if a Tuftonboro person has forgotten to get it in advance.
- 6-Once the 50 passes are given out taxpayers of Tuftonboro will have to pay at non-member rates.
- 7-The BOS has not made up its mind about medicine collections.

Sarah pointed out their decisions were based on information presented at a subsequent BOS meeting (at which she was not present on 10-3-16 reported in the Granite State News-GSN and in BOS Minutes) with many inflammatory accusations and inaccurate statements by Clay Gallagher. She pointed out that a member pass which constitutes a household (HH) is not to be confused with number of residents attending as just one error. As reported at Joint Board meetings, rationing of passes has caused great concern to residents from that town and the October attendance was only one quarter of the previous year, perhaps as a result of the negativity.

Sarah read the formula for prorating member expenditures from the LRHHPF Contract, Attachment 2, page 9, Section D, "(per NHDES recommendations, ten-gallon limit per household visit) each pass reflects 10 gallons.) The accounting by LRHHPF is not "inaccurate, an absolute lie" nor "devious" as reported to the Tuftonboro BOS. LRPC uses the same 10 gal per HH quantity per NHDES.

In actual practice, more than 50 passes are printed for that community as people get a pass and then do not always attend. Only used passes are calculated in the formula. She distributed the fact sheet she had presented at the 9-26 BOS meeting showing the number of HH attending as non-members from 2007 thru 2012 and as members from 2013 thru 2016 (September collection end date). Budgeted amount, roll-overs and NHDES grant monies were listed.

Policies for fair and equal treatment of all member communities have been the goal of the Facility as demonstrated by 14 years of cooperative membership by Alton and Wolfeboro. In concert with national HHW experts who advise that turning away

hazardous waste serves no purpose except to encourage costly HHW cleanups from inappropriate disposal, additional passes issued for amounts greater than 10 gallons has been a long-standing policy of LRHHPF. She referred to an Other Voices “Hazardous Waste Disposal Facts” article submitted to the GSN 10-13-16.

The first year of Tuftonboro membership (2013, not when they were released from the initial contract more than a dozen years ago) the over-charge request by the BOS caused much confusion, irate attendees, and unnecessary unpleasantness and abuse for Facility personnel.

Kerry responded that it appeared as if an inordinate amount of time was being spent in administering passes in his town. He asked questions about the Town’s ability to stay within budget with the multiple pass policy and the 10 gallon/pass NHDES HH guideline. He acknowledged that there are many ideas out there about interpreting the program.

David Jeffers reviewed the many-decade LRPC program and the 10 gal/HH EPA guideline. As they have been trying to maintain costs to towns for 5 years, the attendance and annual increase in the waste contract have resulted in overages. The large quantities seem to come from moving in or out and settling estates. It makes it difficult for the gate-keepers at the collection sites to turn people away.

Kerry noted he understood that the costs of product disposal vary and use is estimated on past performance with a goal to collect the hazardous materials. He noted some of his insights over the years regarding budget intents and actual real life requirements.

David pointed out that Tuftonboro use was less than 10% of the total.

Liz asked Sarah for the total of the 2017 budget to which Sarah responded \$64,391 up from \$63,136 last year even allowing for the 3% contract increase by Clean Harbors. Liz noted Alton budgets 30% and Wolfeboro 70% of costs above the \$4,000 Tuftonboro amount. The \$4,000 is a small percentage and one year there was only \$2,500 billed because of a large roll-over. Sarah noted that Tuftonboro prefers to send the entire amount in the spring whereas the other 2 towns pay a partial payment early and a second payment in the fall because of the size of the amount.

In response to Kerry’s inquiry about the roll-over, Liz explained that when the amount of money paid in exceeds the bill for use, the money can be returned to the town or left toward the following year. If it is returned to the town’s general fund it may be used for something else or just not raised by taxes.

(Note: Paulette delivered the Treasurer’s Report and the group returned to item III) The second payments from Wolfeboro and Alton have been received. The invoice from Clean Harbors for October will not be received for about 3 weeks and there will be the Casella haul charge and the Turnkey disposal fee for the 30 yd dumpster. Sarah has the new 3-year Waste Profile renewal from Waste Mgt and will fill out the BOL at the SWF tomorrow morning.

VI. DEA Med Collection Date for 2016:

October 22, 10AM-2PM will be the date of the DEA collection held by Police Departments. Wolfeboro will be participating. David believes Tuftonboro will again this year and Liz believes Alton will not as they collect whenever the office is open.

VII. NY State Pollution Prevention Institute Training – 11-7-16:

Sarah advised she will be attending this training in the Albany area and Vickie Davis, UVLSRP will be attending with her. They are covering HHW and offering materials usable by other programs which may help to comply with the educational portion of the NHDES grant.

VIII. HHW Coord Mtg – 10-24-16:

Sarah inquired if David would be able to attend. He wasn't certain he could attend. She will be going to Concord.

IX. USDA Grant topics for LRPC:

Sarah introduced the surveymonkey.com inquiry from LRPC of 12 topics from which to choose 6 as possible discussion items. She chose 5 covering universal wastes, hazardous materials spills on site & on the road, product stewardship, managing problem wastes, and small business & DES cooperative efforts to comply with DES waste rules.

David explained about the grant and its focus on rural solid waste and reducing its toxicity and lowering the costs of solid waste management. The survey responses are due 10-20-16 with about 20 already received.

Sarah asked if he would be partnering with NRRA as they have the solid waste meetings each month (2nd Wed) and have a database already to contact SW Operators.

Dave responded that it was a possibility.

X. Any Other Business:

David advised that he is finalizing a contract with Clean Ventures with a flat fee for the 8 LRPC HHW sites. He said costs have risen 30%, participation up 25% and income only 10% such that a new approach needs to be tried.

With a motion from Liz and a second from Sarah, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah M Silk, Secretary

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