

FIWMD
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 @ 5:00 PM
AT FI COMMUNITY CENTER
MINUTES

Gregory Thibodeau, Chair
Tim Patterson, Treasurer
Sarah Malinowski, Secretary
Bruce Hubert
Meredith Doyen

Greg Thibodeau called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All commissioners were present.
Additions to the agenda: Absentee Ballots, Family Leave, fishersland.net advertising
The Operations Manager, Alan Thibodeau presented his report as follows:

OPERATIONS REPORT JAN. 2018

COMPOST PILES –

All former piles have been reground, and it's a nice product that will be ready for screening in the warmer weather.

I talked with Dr. John Spargo of Penn State about having our compost tested. They are a testing facility for the U.S. Compost Council. He made a recommendation for which test we should do and will be sending some containers to send the samples in. The one test is \$340 per test. I would like to get the three oldest piles tested first, since they will be the ones that will be screened in the spring. I've attached some information from their website.

HAULS - For the month of January, there have been 2 hauls. The following is a breakdown of hauls per type:

- Bottles and Cans – 0
- MSW – 1
- Paper – 1
- Bulky - 0
- Metal – 0
- Wood – 0
- Cardboard – 0

LANDFILL –

Nothing to report.

WILDERNESS ROAD –

Nothing to report.

BRUSH GRINDER –

The machine finally seems to be running better, though we will need to replace the discharge belt at some point. I have contacted three other companies to have them come talk to us about a bit heavier machine for the future.

Matt Merriam from Bandit Industry met with us on Thursday, Jan. 18th, to talk about their grinder. I will be setting up times with the other companies also. He also recommended we use the NJPA Cooperative for purchases. It avoids having to bid and usually (for his equipment) saves 12%.

GLASS GRINDER –

We started separating as of Jan. 1st. So far it seems to be going well. Still some glass getting put in the B/C dumpster, but it will take a few months to get everyone on board. Totes are slowly getting picked up. We are still testing different ways to remove the bottles from the dumpsters into the grinder.

STATIONS –

Transfer Station – Need to finish the re-painting the inside of the station.

Compost Station – Focusing on grinding and shearing of wood. Once the temperatures get warmer we will do some more yard work.

EQUIPMENT –

Purchased a small propane heater to help heat the shop.

I priced out the cost for a smaller screen for the screener. The smallest size they make is a ½” square and should handle the smaller wood chips from the mulch. They run around \$600 per pair, not including shipping. The company is just in Connecticut, and we could just run up there ourselves and save the shipping.

TRAINING/PERSONNEL –

The Freon Removal certification is set for Tuesday, January 30th. It starts at 8 am, and I’d like to have us go up the night before to let us be more relaxed instead of rushing through traffic to get there.

I’m still working with the US Composting Council for their training course. We are looking at February 22nd as the date.

OTHER –

I have attached the yearly tonnage hauled during the last year. I broke it down by the total hauls, total tonnage and the average tonnage for each type of haul.

Park City Green of Bridgeport (the mattress recyclers) are working up prices for us. They had a hard time getting the Ferry to give them a quote on prices. Should have something in the next week.

I have held off on storage containers as I wait to hear from the different recycle groups to see what type of containers we would need and what they would provide. I am also trying to figure out what grants we can apply for to cover some of the costs.

The holidays held up the contractors from meeting with me about the outdoor fuel tank. I hope to meet with them soon to get that rolling.

Nysar3 is having an Organics Summit in Poughkeepsie, NY on March 27 – 28. Will have more details as they make them available.

There was discussion about the number of plastic bags that are brought to the island via Peapod’s deliveries and how to eliminate them.

There were ideas tossed around about eliminating plastic water bottle disposal. There was general consensus that the island population does not trust the town water. Therefore, many residents buy water in plastic bottles. One way to reduce plastic water bottle waste would be a charge a disposal fee.

Public Comments Robert Evans was present with a series of questions and comments as follows: “What is the age of FIWMD’s grinder and is it at the end of its operating life?”

The grinder is about 5 years old and it is not at the end of its life
Regarding the latest facilities report: “why is the district giving up the bay in the office building to put office space instead of using it to store heavy equipment?”

It is a health hazard having both in the same building. Also, the bay area is not large enough for equipment storage and office space with the same building.

“Why can’t FIWMD lease space in the building to the Town for storage of salt?”

The building would be too wet to store salt. Also, the building is below the flood plane.
“I am still waiting for a response to my letter”

Yes, we are working on answering your letter.

“Where is the District with the project, are you planning on going ahead with the project to include the composting plans?”

The District is still on hold with the Town of Southold and permits; yes, FIWMD is moving forward with the project to include composting

“I see no financial gain in this project and you are fiscally responsible to the taxpayer”

The District acknowledges that there is no immediate financial gain. Yet there is no question that much of the expense associated with handling and transporting will decrease. By reducing the amount of waste transported off the island will reduce our carbon footprint and honor our mission.

Additionally, the District complies with DEC requirements and aims to follow the DEC Beyond Waste, A Sustainable Materials Management Strategy for New York State Management and Practice Plan.

“When the new facility is up and running, why can’t the District keep wood for public use as firewood instead of using it for compost?”

Firewood will be available to the public for private use

“I feel that the District has not examined better cost and site alternatives”

This plan has been studied since 1993. FIWMD has had several cost analysis studies performed as well as studies to determine the most practicable site to converge the facilities.

“The Town of Southold auditor did not sign off on FIWMD’s financial statement”

Please provide further information to support your statement

Bruce Hubert motioned to accept the minutes of December 18, 2017, Tim Patterson seconded; the motion carried.

Bruce Hubert motioned to accept the minutes of January 15, 2018 with corrections, Mere Doyen seconded the motion; the motion carried.

There was discussion at the last meeting regarding having a “talking point” list and a PowerPoint presentation. The discussion returned; have a PowerPoint presentation available for the ICB meeting Memorial Day. It would be good to have Alan Thibodeau present the presentation with the commission available for backup.

The Financial Reports were reviewed. **Mere Doyen motioned to pay the presented payables, Bruce Hubert seconded; the motion carried.**

Bruce Hubert motioned to transfer 50K to the operating account, Tim Patterson seconded; the motion carried.

Beth needs to review the fund balances, specifically the consulting and legal accounts.

Sarah Malinowski exited the meeting.

New Business included:

Beth's research of another district's absentee ballot procedures was discussed. She will follow up for the next meeting.

Fishersisland.net has asked for a subscription fee, Beth will get more details.

Beth presented a new available Family Leave opportunity for employees to contribute to. Beth will gather further information for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned to executive session to discuss employee matters at 6:30 pm.

The executive session was adjourned to resume the open meeting.

There had been discussion in the past of having a second employee working at the compost station between 3:30-4:30 pm. It was decided that the second employee will be either Alan or Dick between the hours of 3:30-4:30pm, Monday through Friday at the compost station.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.