

FIWMD
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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. All commissioners were present.

Additions to the agenda discuss overtime

OPERATIONS REPORT FEB. 2018

COMPOST PILES –

The piles have settled nicely for the winter. Hoping to start screening compost in the next month if there isn't too much rain.

HAULS - For the month of February, there have been 6 hauls. The following is a breakdown of hauls per type:

- Bottles and Cans – 1
- MSW – 2
- Paper – 0
- Bulky - 1
- Metal – 0
- Wood – 1
- Cardboard – 1

LANDFILL –

Nothing to report.

WILDERNESS ROAD –

There will be a few potholes to patch when the weather settles.

BRUSH GRINDER –

We are finally caught up with all the brush and logs.

GLASS GRINDER –

Since the start of the year, we have processed two 4-yard dumpsters. We are still trying to find the least labor intensive way of handling the bottles, and have made modifications to the grinder itself to create a better flow and less jams.

STATIONS –

Transfer Station – Will start to resume maintenance when the weather warms up.

Compost Station – When the ground is less soft, we will begin to prep the cleared knotweed areas for seeding.

EQUIPMENT –

All equipment is running.

I've talked with a Representative for Rockster processing equipment. They make a rock and construction debris processor. He will be coming out in March to look at the material that we have to process and then recommend/give us a quote for leasing a machine to do the

material in Pit #4. This material will be ideal for fill when we start the work for the new facility.

TRAINING/PERSONNEL –

The Freon Removal certification was rescheduled to April 10th.

The Compost Technician training was held on Thursday, Feb. 22nd. It was a great day of training with both classroom and field training. The instructor offered a lot of knowledge to us and researched the Gore system to offer insight on it. There is test equipment that he recommended for us to use to judge the maturity of the windrows. He suggested we keep a log book of all information for our records and the DEC.

OTHER –

I'd like to visit some of the local Transfer Stations in the area in the next month. I'd like to see how they operate and why they are doing their stations the way they are. (Each one that I've looked at online has different hours and charges.) I would like to bring Annette with me, since she has the most time in at both stations. Hopefully, this will allow us to better gauge how we should be charging in the future.

Concerning the Commissioners wish to have someone stay late at the Compost Station, I was thinking that it might work if we did April, May, September, and October. During the summer months we have a part-time employee that can be scheduled to fill in. I'm still not sure of the fall, but we can adjust as the year goes on.

The Nysar3 Organics Summit in Poughkeepsie, NY is on March 27 – 28. Based on the agenda, there should be some great information and a chance to talk to DEC employees and key players in the state and the nation as the USCC will have people there.

The commission decided not to perform soil testing at this time.

There were discussions about the compost facility hours and implementing the use of time cards, both discussions will take place during executive session.

Public Comments

Bob Evans asked, "Why can't the current building continue to be used for equipment maintenance and storage?"

There are several reasons, the most important being that it is not safe to have offices for people in the same space as equipment. The equipment for the new composting operation will not fit in the building.

"You do not need that entire space for employees and offices? Isn't the meeting room space redundant?"

We do need to enlarge our office space. We need much more room for our files.

"Wouldn't it be much more environmentally responsible to supply firewood to islanders instead of composting wood, since the carbon foot print of composting wood and wood being burnt as fuel is the same?"

Along with compost, firewood is one of the products we will prepare and sell. We disagree with your assertion that the carbon foot print is the same. Many towns have banned wood stoves because burning wood causes pollution problems.

Minutes

Mere Doyen motioned to approve the minutes of January 24, 2018 with a few corrections, Tim Patterson seconded; the motion carried.

The financial reports were reviewed. **Tim Patterson motioned to pay the payables, Bruce Hubert seconded the motion; the motion carried. Bruce Hubert motioned to transfer fifty thousand dollars to the operating account, Tim Patterson seconded; the motion carried.**

Correspondence

Beth will prepare a letter of response to Robert Evans's comments and letter and will be reviewed by the commission.

Unfinished Business was discussed as follows: Beth is still gathering information on election procedures.

There was discussion about adding operational hours to the facilities; to be open through 12:30-1:30 during the Spring months. This would ensure that employees are utilized properly and afford landscapers additional time to use the facility. On Friday, March 16, 2018 at noon, the commission will have a meeting with the operations manager to discuss the hours at the compost station. It was mentioned that Alan could research the hours at other facilities. Sarah Malinowski said she needs Alan's help with a PowerPoint presentation, it should be ready for the next meeting for review by the commission and then ready for the next Island Community Board meeting, May 26, 2018.

Beth reported that the fee for advertising with Fish.net is \$25 per ad.

New Business

There was discussion about overtime, this will continue during the executive session.

Other

Beth will organize a trip to visit Willimantic Waste, Sterling and Covanta.

There was discussion about the amount of time taken for public comments. It was decided that 2 minutes will be allowed for each person with comments.

The commission exited the public meeting to executive session at 6:45 to discuss employee matters.

The public meeting commenced at 7:40 and adjourned at the same time.

Beth Stern