

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT
Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 10, 2023
Minutes Approved August 28, 2023

Attendance: Directors: Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Carey Donovan (Tremont)
Jim Fortune (Cranberry Isles via Zoom), Martha Higgins (Trenton)
Absent: Richard Ladd (Frenchboro)

Public: Ellen Pope (Southwest Harbor), Jim Vallette (Southwest Harbor),
Brian Henkel (Public Works Director for Mount Desert), Lincoln Millstein (Quietside Journal),
Lee Worcester (Southwest Harbor, EMR)

1. Call to order by Smith, 9:30 am.
2. Consider regular meeting minutes of June 12, 2023.
Motion to approve minutes.
Motion, Smith; Second, Higgins, 4-0.
3. Financial report.
 - A. FY-24 annual invoices have gone out to the six member towns, with Southwest Harbor having decided to re-join ADD.
 - B. Consideration of ADD invoices if any. There were none.
 - C. Financial Report for FY-23 provided by Kathi Mahar, Treasurer of ADD.
Motion to Accept Report. Motion, Smith; Second, Fortune, 4-0.
4. Regular Business.
 - A. Reminder: HHW and UW schedule: Saturday, September 23, 2023, at MDIHS, rear parking lot. Large loads will be delivered prior to 10:00 a.m. HHW and UW from households will be accepted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers will be needed and should contact Smith to sign up.
 - B. Congressionally Directed Spending funding update: next steps. The \$350,000 that was awarded to the Acadia Disposal District has been deposited to the ADD checking account. It is now transferred to the ADD money market account, and will be diverted to an ICS so that it will be covered by the FDIC (which limits coverage to \$250,000). Smith is in communication with Jim Wadman, the auditor, to discuss how we should best handle the funds until they are needed. Kathi Mahar, Treasurer, is working with Lisa Parsons from Bar Harbor Bank and Trust on how to secure these funds so that they will be covered through FDIC. Donovan suggested that some funds could be put in CD's to earn money, since it will be a while before the funds are actually used.

Jim Vallette requested that Smith attend a Select Board meeting as soon as possible in order to inform Southwest Harbor about the plan to possibly build a Hazardous Waste Receiving Facility in Southwest Harbor. Vallette is hearing quite a bit of concern

from people in his town and they would like more information. Smith assured Vallette that he would talk with the Southwest Harbor Select Board and with all the other towns that would be included in this project.

Donovan asked if we could create a list of what would be the first few steps that ADD would take to get the Project started. Smith said that he would like to have authorization from the ADD Board to communicate with Haley Ward, an engineering firm in Bangor, to find out whether they would be interested in helping us plan for this project.

Smith made a motion for ADD to authorize him to talk with Haley Ward and determine whether they would be interested in working with ADD on the Hazardous Waste Receiving Facility.

Motion, Smith; Second, Higgins, 4-0.

An order of steps was proposed:

- July 10 ADD meeting to discuss the way forward (today's meeting).
 - Smith to discuss with Lee Worcester re: the possibility of siting the HHW facility at EMR.
 - Smith to contact Haley Ward to see if they can be helpful in advising us on this project.
 - Smith will consult with Kathi Mahar, Lisa Parsons, and Jim Wadman, to secure Congressionally Directed Funds that are now in our care.
 - At our next ADD meeting, Smith would report on the above steps.
 - Smith would then communicate with all the interested towns, starting with Southwest Harbor. It was clear that SW would appreciate hearing from ADD as soon as possible.
- C. MRC and Hampden solid waste facility update. The Hampden Municipal Waste Facility is now jointly owned by Innovative Resources, Inc. (90%) and the Municipal Review Committee (10%). Innovative Resources has been assessing the plant to see what needs attention. Coastal Resources had made an improvement plan, but then didn't have the funds to proceed with it. Innovative Resources will pick up where they left off and implement a profit improvement plan. They have permission from the MRC to make their own decisions about what to upgrade and how. First Innovative Resources will start by hiring employees and making improvements to the plant. They will "ramp up" by taking waste from a few towns at a time until they demonstrate they can pass a required performance test. Innovative Resources estimates that by early 2025, they will be accepting waste from all 115 towns.
- D. Update on PERC closure. PERC, a waste-to-energy plant in Orrington, has been foreclosed on and is going up for auction. We do not know yet if it will continue as a waste-to-energy facility or be sold off for parts.
- E. Director comments. None.

5. Input from attending public. Lincoln Millstein wanted to know what our plans were for achieving Zero Waste. He suggested Pay-as-You-Throw. None of the towns are considering that option at present. The ADD towns are all continuing to recycle – despite considerable cost. Materials that are recyclable include paper, paperboard (flattened cereal boxes and such), flattened corrugated cardboard, glass jars (but not other glass items), tin cans (but not other metal objects), #1 and #2 plastic containers – nothing larger than 1 gallon.

Ellen Pope is now chair of the Solid Waste Reduction Task Force in Southwest Harbor. They meet twice a month on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at the Southwest Harbor Town Office. She welcomes anyone to attend whether they live in Southwest Harbor or not.

6. Assignments per Director.

- Smith will attend the Solid Waste Reduction Task Force meeting July 17
- Donovan will contact Leslie Fournier about making improvements to the ADD website.

7. Any other business as may be legally conducted. None.

8. Next regularly scheduled meeting. TBD.

9. Executive session: None scheduled.

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Motion, Donovan; Second, Higgins, 4-0