

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting **September 29, 2025**

Attendance: Directors: Tony Smith (Mount Desert), Carey Donovan (Tremont), Martha B. Higgins (Trenton), Jim Vallette (Southwest Harbor), Jim Fortune -via Zoom, (Cranberry Isles)

Public: Damaris Smith (EMR), Lee Worcester (EMR), Ken Rozahegyi -via Zoom, Kip Wing – via Zoom

1. Call to Order by Smith @ 9:30 a.m.
2. Consider public hearing and regular meeting Minutes of August 25, 2025.
Motion to Approve Draft Minutes.
Motion: Higgins; Second, Donovan. Approved 5-0.
3. Financial Report.
 - A. Treasurer Mahar's financial report.
Motion to approve Treasurer Mahar's Financial Report.
Motion, Smith; Second, Higgins. Approved 5-0.
 - B. Consideration of invoices from Enviro Serve and North Coast Services of Terracycle, for services provided at our HHW and UW Collection held September 20, 2025.
Motion to approve billing of \$3161.09 for North Coast Services of Terracycle after receiving questions re: electronic equipment and MCMA articles.
Motion, Smith; Second, Vallette. Approved 5-0.

Motion to approve billing of \$28,662.90 for EnviroServe.
Motion, Smith; Second, Higgins. Approved 5-0.
4. Regular Business.
 - A. **The HHW/UW collection went smoothly.** There were not as many cars arriving as in previous years, but we did collect a significant amount of material, as can be verified by the billing required from EnviroServe and North Coast Services of Terracycle. We had great weather and the people who came to deposit materials were very appreciative of our services.

Should we consider having collection dates in both fall and spring? Since we run the only collection operation in Hancock County, with the exception of EMR's monthly UW collection, should we be reaching out to train other towns on how to do this?
 - B. **Municipal Waste Solutions in Hampden update.** Municipal Waste Solutions is currently taking waste from EMR. At this point it is simply an opportunity for them to evaluate what kind of waste they are likely to receive. Once they have evaluated our waste, the material will be delivered to the Norridgewock Landfill. One benefit of this is that we only pay for delivery to MWS. MWS will pay for the delivery from MWS to Norridgewock. Before long, MWS will have all their equipment running and waste and recyclables will be processed at MWS.

- C. **Website Update, if any.** Donovan will add to the website the dates on which our Director's terms would expire. These terms can also be renewed provided that the Director wishes to continue and Town agrees to re-appoint them.
- D. **Congressionally directed spending request of a change-of-use update.** Tony Smith has been communicating with Acadia National Park and our Congressional Offices to change the original goal for Congressionally Directed Spending. The original goal was to build a shed on EMR property where locals could more frequently deposit HHW and UW materials. We have now determined that working with the state and local entities to determine whether undesired chemicals are leaching into ground and migrating into streams which lead to the ocean, due to a former landfill in Southwest Harbor began in the 1930's when the Civilian Conservation Corps brought a considerable number of young men to work at Acadia National Park

They were directed to Acadia National Park to help with building paths and other park projects. Their work also included cutting down trees and building log cabins in which they would live. As the landfill became the place to deposit trash, it later also became the community's trash disposal, until Worcester Enterprises created the Eastern Maine Recycling Transfer Station on the Long Pond Rd.

We are currently in a Government Shut-Down, so it is not likely that the Acadia Disposal District will be able to communicate with either the Park or our elected officials immediately.

E. **Director Comments.** None.

5. **Input from the attending public.**

Ken Rozahegyi noted that Chairman Smith declined a stipend for his work with the Acadia Disposal District.

Motion: Vallette; Second, Higgins. Approved 5-0.

6. **Assignments per Director.**

-Smith to communicate with ANP and Congressional Members regarding our Congressionally Directed Funding and directing it to the former landfill in Southwest Harbor.

-Donovan to add to the Acadia Disposal Website, the terms for Acadia Disposal Directors.

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

8. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:** Monday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. at Southwest Harbor Town Office.

9. **Executive session:** None Scheduled.

10. **Adjournment.** 10:25 a.m.