

ACADIA DISPOSAL DISTRICT

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Approved Minutes of Regular Meeting June 25, 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), Kip Wing (Islander), Craig Kesselheim – via Zoom, Lincoln Millstein – via Zoom

1. Call to Order by Smith @ 9:30 a.m.
2. Consider regular meeting minutes of November 25, 2024.
Motion to Approve Draft Minutes of November 25, 2024.
Motion, Higgins; Second, Smith, 5-0.
3. Financial Report.
A. Monthly Report provided by Treasurer, Kathi Mahar.
Motion to Approve Monthly Financial Report.
Motion, Higgins; Second Vallette, 5-0.
4. Regular Business.
A. Discussion via Zoom with a representative of our Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Contractor, Environmental Products, Inc (EPI), regarding what becomes of the HHW materials collected once they leave our collection site.

Bret Rogers of EPI begins by informing us that as of January 1, EPI has been bought by Enviro-Serve (from Utah), and from now on their name will be Enviro-Serve, not Environmental Products, Inc. Enviro-Serve owns about 48 similar companies across the country and they have chosen to acquire EPI, because they are impressed with how EPI operates. Other states do not hold not annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection events going town to town (or county to county). It seems like their waste collection comes from large companies that have Hazardous Waste to dispose of.

Enviro-Serve would like EPI to show other states how they can effectively gather Household Hazardous Waste and keep such thing out of the environment. EPI notes that they operate under both State and Federal Regulation

Here are notes on how EPI (now Enviro-Serve) manages HHW:

- Lithium-ion batteries are broken down and the glass beads and mineral oil are re-purposed.

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- Vape Pens – the nicotine goes into a 5 gal. pail. The pens and the THC are Trash.
- Pesticide and fuels go to Providence, RI and are incinerated.
- Liquids are sorted by type: Aerosol, propane, pesticides, flammable liquids, acid, and alkaline. Anti-freeze?
- Silver is melted and re-claimed.
- Oils are recycled for re-use. Mercury is re-cycled and re-purposed. Aerosol Containers are shredded and become scrap metal.
- Paint is a large part of what EPI collects. Paint care recycling goes to Ontario, Canada, where the paint becomes re-purposed. EPI typically sends of 396 cubic yards of paint (per year?).
- PFAS goes to CRS incinerator in Canada with a Certificate of Instruction. EPI also presents a document to the State of Maine that confirms that it is being disposed of properly.
- Liquids are sorted by type: Aerosol, propane, pesticides, flammable liquids, acid, and alkaline
- Scrap metal is melted and re-purposed.
- Anti-freeze ?

B. Municipal Waste Solutions in Hampden update, including an anticipated tour of the facility for the ADD directors and treasurer 9:30 – 11:30 on December 16, 2024.

There is also a program being put on by the Municipal Review Committee on December 11 at 3:00 p.m. at the Black Bear Inn in Orono. The Director of the Maine DEP would be the key speaker.

C. Website update, if any. Donovan has worked with Leslie Fournier to add recent minutes to the acadiadisposal.org website. Minutes are only placed after they have been approved by the Directors. Our Annual Report to towns has not been posted yet, but should be in the near future.

D. Discussion of the use of Congressionally Directed Funds awarded to the ADD by the federal government as a result of ADD's successful application for same. Smith has been working with Tim Woodcock of Haley Ward on this. Would Senator King and Senator Collins be open to changing our original application concerning Household Hazardous Waste and instead approve a plan to work on providing clean public water to seven houses on the Marshall Brook Road. There is an uncapped landfill, which hasn't been used since the 1980's, that has affected water in the Marshall Brook area. We would like to work with the DEP on correcting this.

E. Director Comments. Martha Higgins suggested that Nicole Grohoski, our State Senator, could be helpful in working with us and the DEP on the project to provide clean water to the Marshall Brook area.

5. **Input from the attending public.** Ken Rozsahegyi reminded us that there is still the unsolved problem of having an uncapped landfill on the Worcester Assoc. property.
6. **Assignments per Director.**
 - Smith to contact Senators King and Collins regarding adapting our proposal for Congressionally Directed Funding.
 - Donovan to add the most recent Annual Report on the acadiadisposal.org website.
7. **Any other business as may be legally conducted.** None.
8. **Next regularly scheduled meeting.** February, 26, 2025, 9:30 a.m. @ Southwest Harbor Town Office
9. **Executive Session.** None scheduled.
10. **Adjournment.** 10:35 a.m.