



*Carroll County Department of Public Works
Solid Waste Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for October 15, 2014*

Members

Charles E. Hughes
James D. Marcinko
Bruce B. Holstein
Don H. West
Charles Robert Ernst
Karen M. Leatherwood – Absent
L. Ellen Cutsail

County Government

Scott Moser, Deputy Director
Dusty Hilbert, Bureau Chief
Maria Myers, Recycling Manager
Sheree Lima, Budget Office

Mission: In the best interests of the Citizens of Carroll County and the environment provide assistance to the County staff to advance the sustainable, responsible and cost effective practices of Solid Waste Management and Recycling.

Introduction

1. Don West brought the meeting to order.

Approval of 9/4/2014 Minutes

1. Motion to Approve – L. Ellen Cutsail
2. Second – Bruce B. Holstein
3. All voted to approve

Previous Discussions (new comments in bold)

1. The Solid Waste Advisory Council bylaws state, the Solid Waste Advisory Council will meet **quarterly**. There was discussion about meeting more often at first, since there is a lot going on with solid waste right now.
 - i. KCI Report – A copy of the RFP was sent to the group. KCI will meet with the group **Nov 6th**.
 - ii. Proposal for privatization – these are proprietary until one is awarded or all dismissed. These are on hold until the Study is complete. **KCI was given these to review.**

2. **Dusty Hilbert** should be copied on all correspondence between members acting on behalf of the Solid Waste Advisory Council.
3. Don West suggested sub-committees as a means of getting things done between meetings to conduct research and investigate various areas of interest. The sub-committees would report to the group.
 - i. **No committees have been set up to date.**
4. The Multi-dwelling Recycling Legislation was discussed
 - i. Changes to the Ten Year Solid Waste Plan were taken before the Carroll County Board of Commissioners and they determined that the owners of multi-dwelling properties needed additional notification of the Recycling requirement and another Public Hearing. The first letters were sent from The Maryland Department of the Environment and second Letters were sent to owners from the County. An informational brochure and FAQ's will be made available to owners and residents of multi-family dwellings.
 - ii. Scott Moser stated that the biggest issue with the legislation is the tracking and funding of the initiative.
 - iii. Maria Myers is working on a formula to estimate the recycling tonnages from multi-family dwellings to satisfy the reporting requirement.
 - iv. Next meeting to present to the Board for approval is August 21. Don West recommended that members attend this function and to check the Commissioner's agenda regularly, on the County's web site, for solid waste issues.
 - v. Concerns brought up by members of the Council included:
 - i. Owners have no room for dumpster or they need to be enclosed
 - ii. Fear that tenant's won't recycle or put trash in the recycle bins and the hauler may face fines.
 - iii. Questions arose about policing and Maria Myers stated the County does not have the staffing to impose fines for non-compliance.
 - vi. Maria Myers said the Council could play a role in the education portion of the initiative. And Don West suggested using the newspaper, letters to the editor or encouraging an article.
 - vii. This was approved by the Board of Commissioners after the hearing and 10 days waiting period was complete. Maria has sent the changes to MDE for review and the Law takes place Oct. 1, 2014. No more work on this topic. Delete for next time.
 - viii. **It was mentioned that only 50% of the dwellings are complying with the law and don't plan to change unless forced to. The County does not plan to enforce this.**
5. Don West brought up current issues
 - i. The current Ten Year Solid Waste Master Plan has a goal of 35%. Don West thought the Council should think and talk about what the goal should be in the upcoming update.
 - i. Maria Myers said the 2012 MRA rate for Carroll County was 41% including the 5% diversion credit
 - ii. Scott Moser said the State's Zero Waste initiative's goal is 80% by 2050.
 - iii. Charles Ernst commented that MDE changes it's mythology in calculating the MRA rate with no rhyme or reason and Maria Myers supported this.
 - iv. Discussion continued and included:

1. Possibly not using the MDE calculation,
 2. Setting the goal high or low.
 3. Should the goal be set before programs are put in place?
 4. The Solid Waste Advisory Council setting their own goal
 5. Business reporting or not
 6. The discussion was ended until a future date
- ii. In the interest of time discussion of a Resource Recovery Park was put off to another time.
 - iii. KCI study and what the Council wants to talk to them about.
 - i. Each member will read the Solid Waste Work Group report.
 - ii. Each member should come up with three important issues and submit them to Karen Leatherwood to summarize, in preparation of meeting with KCI late Sept. early Oct.
 - iii. This was not completed.**
6. 3 Main Priorities of this Board?
- i. Take Action
 - ii. Increase Recycling
 - iii. Undecided?**
7. Don talked about the group be proactive and the need to communicate ideas and information often.
- i. Just looking into the issues of SW during these meetings is not enough.
 - ii. Once this Board gets comfortable, meetings will be quarterly and the need to communicate becomes more.
8. Waste Stream Composition
- i. There was talk of reviewing the Richard Anthony Study of 2008.
 - i. Ellen to review and make comments at the next meeting.**
 - ii. KCI will complete a small evaluation of the waste stream as part of their study.
9. Scott talked about making the Enterprise fund self-sufficient.
- i. One of two things has to happen; raise taxes or have a system benefit surcharge on the tax bill.
 - ii. The group did not favor either but knows something has to happen.
10. Goals were established:
- i. Waste Diversion
 - ii. Recycle Commercial
 - iii. Financial Requirement
11. There was talk of Blaine Young and Frederick and some teaming opportunity.
- i. Can someone fill this in?
 - ii. It has to do with a Resource Recover Park.
 - ii. Keep in mind that we do not bring MSW or Recycling from other Counties.
 - iii. Frederick is looking to back out of Waste to Energy program.**
 - iv. Dusty to review current hauling contracts to compare with Frederick.**

12. Puzzle pieces

- Carroll and surrounding counties have long-term waste disposal needs
- CC has a report recommending a Resource Recovery park requested by then President of the Board of Commissioners – advocates a Regional approach
- CC has 3 proposals re: privatization of Northern Landfill
- Landowner has approximately 300 acres surrounding the County landfill which he would like to sell to the County
- Howard County has a compost facility up and running since April 2013
- Frederick County appears interested in talking about the RRP possibility
- Long haul contracts – Frederick has multiple options which they are evaluating with
- Decision likely on Oct. 9th
- Need to pick them up and put them together for the RRP to become a reality

New Discussions

1. Scott Moser introduced Dusty Hilbert, Bureau Chief of Solid Waste.
2. Mission Statement was reviewed and commented:
 - i. Motion to Approve – L. Ellen Cutsail
 - ii. Second – Bruce B. Holstein
 - iii. All voted to approve
3. Meetings and Activities
 - i. Howard County compost facility – October 23rd, 1:00pm
 - ii. KCI and Neil Seldman, Institute for Local Self Reliance will be presenting.
 - iii. Jim to invite Chaz Miller, Solid Waste Management Assoc. member to speak.
4. Structure of minutes
 - i. Minutes are not transcripts
 - ii. Include votes and action items
 - iii. Note discussions
5. Landfill run as a business
6. Hoods Mill – increased hours and tip fees
7. Priorities of the Council - two have been proposed does the Council want to expand on them?
 - i. Priorities
 - ii. Take Action
8. Regional approach to recycling and waste and discussion between the Clean Air Force and Blain Young of Frederick County.
9. Master Plan related to land use changes around Taneytown, and the Northern Landfill that would allow for heavy industrial development.

10. Waste composition study
 - i. The County will review surrounding studies at this time to use for the KCI Study.
11. Chair supports visits and speakers for education purposes for the group
12. Frederick County
 - I. Voted 3-2 in favor of the incinerator to be discussed after the elections.
 - II. Dusty will review the fee structure that Frederick has for transferring against ours.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2014 6 p.m. in the Reagan Room