



*Carroll County Department of Public Works
Solid Waste Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes for November 6, 2014*

Members

Charles E. Hughes
James D. Marcinko - Absent
Bruce B. Holstein
Don H. West
Charles Robert Ernst
Karen M. Leatherwood
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 10/15/2014 Minutes

1. 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.
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.
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.

iii. This was not discussed based on having 2 speakers.

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. Didn't have time for this.

- 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.
- iii. Keep in mind that we do not bring MSW or Recycling from other Counties.
- iv. Frederick is looking to back out of Waste to Energy program.
- v. Dusty to review current hauling contracts to compare with Frederick.
- vi. Mr. Young lost his re-election.**

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

13. Structure of minutes

- i. Minutes are not transcripts
- ii. Include votes and action items
- iii. Note discussions

New Discussions

1. Neil Seldman presented to the group:
 - i. Recycling and the economic benefits
 - ii. Need to look into small scale composting
 - iii. We should set a goal to add value to recycling at the local level
 - iv. Requested 20-30 acres to have St. Vincent DePaul run a reuse cluster.
 - i. 8 on East Coast
 - ii. Requires a non-profit to contract with
 - iii. Is there a market? No clear answer
 - v. Recycling “white paper” and textile
 - i. Requires 5 ac, 40 TPD of paper and 36 TPD of Textile
 - ii. Creates 120 jobs
 - vi. Recycling Cotton/ Foam/ Mattresses
 - i. 15 jobs and worth \$300/ton
 - vii. In the writer’s opinion, there is nothing backing these figures up. These are good ideas for this group to review and see how and which ones could get implemented. These are good research topics to build on.
2. KCI Presented to the group
 - i. Michael gave an overview and explained why another study.
 - ii. Reviewed scope of work, fee structure and current strategies.
 - iii. Talked about some system recommendations that are underway but not ready to share.
 - iv. They will continue fact findings and be ready for the end of Dec.
 - v. In this study, the County will be bench marked against local County’s.
 - vi. The goal is to lay out a series of options so that we can educate the BOC to help determine the long plan strategy of the Bureau of Solid Waste.
 - vii. This group was in agreement that they would pay more to conserve the current landfill.
3. Hoods Mill – increased hours and tip fees
 - i. Still reviewing data.
4. Priorities of the Council - two have been proposed does the Council want to expand on them?
 - i. Priorities
 - ii. Take Action

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8.