

Solid Waste Advisory Council – Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2015

Attendance: Don West, Bruce Holstein, Charlie Hughes, Karen Leatherwood, Maria Myers, Dusty Hilbert, Jeff Topper

Don opened the meeting and the minutes from the September 3, 2015 meeting were submitted with a motion by Charlie and a second by Don, they were unanimously approved.

Don and Bruce reported on the PAYT progress in Boonsboro and Brunswick. Both of these communities have had public push back that has slowed/halted the switch to PAYT at this time. From their experiences, we can learn the value of a strong public education campaign.

Don reported we will be making a full presentation to the BOCC in February of 2016.

Staff update (Dusty):

- The recycling contract has been running at about \$25/ton.
- The yard waste processing is awaiting an air quality permit from MDE
- We will make a presentation to the BOCC in approximately two weeks to provide an “interim report” on our planning.
- For the BOCC presentation:
 - The recycling contract has become approximately a \$400K expense.
 - We do not have an industry standard compaction rate due to aging equipment.
 - The staff is recommending the purchase of a new compactor and funding it through placing more waste in the landfill. (From 15k tons to 40k tons per year buried. The hauling contract calls for no less than 50k tons to be transferred.)
 - Burying more waste will result in a \$1.5 million retention. This covers the \$400K for recycling and \$700K to purchase the new compactor.
 - The plan is to do this for five years to set funds aside and look at opportunities.
 - Charlie suggested that CC look at leasing the equipment rather than making an outright purchase.
 - During the five years, the SWAC would work to put into place the ideas needed to resolve many of the issues.

The presentation will be made in November.

We will continue to discuss our plan of action when we meet in December.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Leatherwood