

Solid Waste Advisory Council – January 7, 2016 - Meeting Minutes

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

Don opened meeting at 6:00 PM

December 3, 2015 minutes submitted for approval. Motion by Bruce, second by Charlie; unanimously approved.

Don and Bruce reported PAYT in Boonsboro awaits further action.

Don reported Energy Answers (Curtis Bay) is also awaiting MDE action.

Don outlined remaining time for SWAC Plan presentation to Commissioners in February.

Dusty noted the rate increase process will move forward with Board. Dusty also deferred Hauler Licensing discussion from previous meeting to ensure sufficient time available in current meeting to cover all long term goals.

The SWAC Plan Long Term Recommendations were reviewed:

1. Move toward implementing Hauler Districts in County note related suggestion under #3
2. Look into using an existing WTE/incinerator or other combustion technology
3. Explore ways to add value to our recyclables: County (or contractor) takeover of recycling collection
Incentivize haulers
MRF
Phase out single stream
Mandates
4. Encourage municipalities to institute PAYT program – incentivized by Northern Landfill
5. County-wide PAYT: Waste Zero program
Colored bag mandate
6. Move toward more composting
7. EDUCATION: Haulers
Citizens
Municipalities
Elected Officials
8. Explore temporary capping at Northern Landfill/preserve existing landfill space
9. Increase revenue: System Benefit Charge (SBC)
Fees (recycling, yard waste and general tipping fee)
PAYT
Taxes

We will have presentation to Board in late February; February 4th meeting will focus on final development of goals for presentation.

Respectfully submitted, Dusty Hilbert