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DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Middlefield Community Center

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman DelVecchio.

Members present: Ron Capozzi, Dom DelVecchio, Steven Koerber, Glenn McNamara, Frank Petrella, Chuck Stengel, Howard Weissberg and Charles Zieminski

Members absent: none

Staff present: Sean Piatek

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Howard Weissberg made a motion, seconded by Glenn McNamara, to approve the agenda, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Site Manager's Report

Sean Piatek reported that stickers are now up to 3,146. They have been grinding brush, but still have quite a bit more to do. They also need to do the brush at Strickland Road for Middlefield.

A question was asked about the medical waste sign and Sean Piatek explained that they had some problems with people bringing in kitty litter contaminated with a radioactive type of material. If an animal is undergoing radiation therapy, it will set the sensor off at the Reworld incineration facility in Bristol. The DMIAAB driver is not allowed to leave the site until the waste is evaluated. A licensed laboratory has to then follow the truck back to our facility, it has to be dumped on the ground and sifted through. It then needs to be tagged and held at the site for three to six months. Dom DelVecchio added that it possibly could have been human waste because folks are also told to mix the radioactive waste with kitty litter. There had been two separate incidents within a week at a cost of \$800 each time, but it is very hard to pinpoint who disposed of the waste. Dom DelVecchio added that they could get a detector for the site, but it has only happened five times in the last 15 years. Howard Weissberg felt that the sign is probably enough and they plan to put up more signs near the compactor. It was also suggested to send a letter to the local veterinarians. Staff stopped each resident at the gate over a week to educate residents on proper medical waste disposal.

Dom DelVecchio noted that they are trying to get down to Guilford earlier this year, hoping for mid-May.

Sean Piatek interviewed a local truck driver today who would like some hours and is willing to work on Saturdays. He will bring his paperwork in on Monday.

2026 Peterbilt Repairs

Dom DelVecchio reported that there had been an incident with the new truck. He believes that the cable on the new truck is about 27 inches longer than the other cable and when the cable is hooked, the loop at the end extends over the frame slightly. When the drivers backed into the container, they were pinching the cable between the can and the hoist. The cable was bent and there were multiple marks on the frame. An investigation determined that the cable looped around, got caught under the hook on the frame of the truck, and released from the can under tension. The cable then flung around and went right through the passenger window of the new truck. Dom DelVecchio and Sean Piatek immediately met with the drivers. They may have to look at replacing the cable as one strand was broken. The truck is going back tomorrow to address the new tarping install issue and they will have them address the cable issue as well.

Dom DelVecchio will get estimates on the damage and bring it back to the board. Frank Petrella was concerned that the board was not notified and felt that the board should be notified of any incidents. Dom DelVecchio noted that DMIAAB staff will do that in the future prior to pursuing an investigation of the cause of the incident.

Discussion – Tire Stewardship Program

Dom DelVecchio reported that DMIAAB is still in discussions. The problem is that they don't have it all figured out themselves yet. This program is in the early stages. DMIAAB concerns have been pointed out and hopefully the contract can be modified. DMIAAB has always dealt with Don Stevens and has decided to stay with them since Don Stevens is a participant in the stewardship program. They have notified us that there will be no charge as DMIAAB has been admitted to the program. Dom DelVecchio added that DMIAAB will continue current operations as they have been until July 1st.

Discussion – Gas Cylinder Collection Program

Dom DelVecchio reported that Gas Collection program coordinator's are looking for an individual in Connecticut to administer the gas cylinder collection program. DMIAAB has found out that the collection area really needs to be open to the atmosphere on four sides, yet completely enclosed. It also needs to have the capability of a 55-gallon drum being wheeled in through a gated opening. One possibility is dog kennel fencing and Sean Piatek will look into that. This program is not meant for 20-lb. cylinders, though one company will accept those.

Discussion – Point-and-Pay System

Dom DelVecchio reached out to Square and has not heard from them about references of any municipalities that are using their system. The towns want to stay with their current system. DMIAAB has begun discussions with that vendor. Frontier is backed up and they are still

working on getting fiber optic installed at the site. Their contractors are responsible for getting Call Before You Dig to mark existing utilities.

Discussion – DEEP Stormwater Permit

Dom DelVecchio explained that DMIAAB has previously had to file a stormwater permit and has always hit the water quality benchmarks. Last year, DEEP decided they were going to revise the regulations and adopted the federal standards that were proposed, but never really told anyone that it was happening until this Spring. There is now a new stormwater permit required and Dom DelVecchio met with the engineers that the towns are using for the public works facilities, Nathan Jacobson and Assoc. The process is now an all electronic filing.

Dom DelVecchio did reach out to DEEP regarding the application and was told they were having a lot of problems with the system integration and the new electronic applications repopulating existing permit data. Charlie Zieminski suggested asking enforcement to sort it out.

OLD BUSINESS

Composting Units (Update)

Dom DelVecchio is still looking for a volunteer for this program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ron Capozzi made a motion, seconded by Frank Petrella, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2026 regular meeting, as presented. Motion passed, with Steven Koerber abstaining.

A question was asked about the impact of rising gas prices and Dom DelVecchio explained that they are in the consortium and locked in at \$2.88/gallon of diesel fuel.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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