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DURHAM MIDDLEFIELD INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT ADVISORY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 30, 2026

Durham Town Hall

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman DelVecchio.

Members present: Dom DelVecchio, Ron Capozzi, Steven Koerber, Glenn McNamara, Frank Petrella, Chuck Stengel and Charlie Zieminski.

Members absent: Howard Weissberg.

Staff Present: Sean Piatek.

Approval of Agenda

Dom DelVecchio added that the Boy Scouts will be making another presentation at the meeting.

Glenn McNamara made a motion, seconded by Chuck Stengel, to approve the agenda, as modified to include a presentation by the Boy Scouts. Motion passed unanimously.

BOY SCOUT PRESENTATION

Dylan Rand, from Durham, reviewed that he had presented the idea of a retired flag disposal bin at last month's meeting. Since then, he has done some research and plans to put the bin next to the Boy Scouts bottles and cans bin. It will be drilled into the concrete block. He felt that location will be seen and will also be convenient for the Boy Scouts. He also called several post offices about getting a retired mailbox, but it's been difficult. He plans to continue to call to see if he can get one. A board member suggested he call State Senators or Representatives. The Durham Postmaster had no clue where old mailboxes are stored and other towns didn't know. He did find an official disposal bin online that has a lock on it and the total cost of the project would be around \$250. Dylan also talked with Mr. Jenkins who told him they may not need the hut over the bin.

Ron Capozzi noted that the Lions Club uses mailboxes for their eyeglass collection and suggested Dylan reach out to them. Dom DelVecchio shared Dave Mastroianni's phone number and suggested that he may be able to help Dylan get in contact with someone who could help. Dylan has to complete his project before he is 18 and would ideally have to be done by the first week of September. He would need approval in the next week-and-a-half.

Ron Capozzi asked if the location would be to the right or left of the oil recovery area. Dylan explained that it would be oil, bottles and cans and then the flags. Dom DelVecchio asked if the

responsibility of collecting the flags would fall on the same troop that administers the bottles and cans which Dylan confirmed.

Glenn McNamara made a motion, seconded by Charlie Zieminski, to approve the installation by the Boy Scouts of a flag disposal bin. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Site Manager's Report

Sean Piatek reported that stickers are going well and they are up to 500. The credit card machine is in place and is going smoothly after the learning process. He has not received any feedback on the credit card fees. The new truck is out being serviced, routine maintenance oil change etc.

The site was closed today for rebuilding of the compactor. The floor has been replaced and they will replace some steel on the side tomorrow. The ram itself needed quite extensive work and had to be almost completely rebuilt. They also replaced half of the fence on the boardwalk. Sean Piatek also noted that the new loader was leaking coolant and that has been fixed as well. Dom DelVecchio added that they shut down one side of the paper collection area because a fence post started leaning in and that has been repaired. Point-and-Pay seems to be working fairly well and people seem to be using it. There is signage at the front gate regarding payments and fees. Dom DelVecchio explained the daily reports they get from the system.

Ron Capozzi heard there had been a theft of petty cash at the site and asked if the computers are secure. Sean Piatek explained that he takes the laptop home every night, but the desktop at the top that is connected to the scale cannot be. Sean Piatek has not heard anything on the theft as of yet, but they believe it was a past employee who has had some recent problems. He explained that a few people have complained about the increased sticker fee. There is still a puddle in front of the brush pile with all of the rain. It would be ideal to have a concrete slab there.

Dom DelVecchio hopes to have a final printout of the fiscal year numbers for next meeting.

Discussion Tire Stewardship Program

Dom DelVecchio reported he sent the contract to the selectmen and asked the town attorneys to review it. The selectmen agreed to have one town attorney review it and the attorney seemed to be okay with it. The attorney was comfortable that DMIAAB could cancel the agreement without cause if DMIAAB was no longer interested in the program. Dom also met with the first selectmen of Haddam and Killingworth, along with their public works directors, who just recently entered into the program.

Glenn was still concerned about the language about who could drop off tires and Dom DelVecchio explained that the agreement is between the Connecticut Tire Stewardship and the Durham-Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board and the attorney felt that that would be the covered entity. Glenn felt that the transfer station needs to be the entity and Dom DelVecchio explained that the Durham-Middlefield Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board is the

official legal name for the transfer station. Glenn stated that the articles of incorporation specifically state the transfer station and recycling center. Dom DelVecchio stated that the board has the legal authority to sign and is the legal entity. He added that all of their contracts have used that legal title. Ron Capozzi added that he felt that the language allows for people to drop off tires without stickers. Dom DelVecchio explained that if they are a verified town resident and they are only there to drop off a tire, they cannot be charged a sticker fee. Dom added that DMIAAB will be an approved hauler, but exclusively for the transfer station, which is an added convenience.

Sean Piatek also explained that people can have a Florida license plate, but they would need to show a local tax bill. They are considered a resident because they own property in town. Out-of-state plates are entered separately in the computer.

Dom DelVecchio also noted that the rules and regulations for the tire program can be modified, as needed. He suggested they try it and if it doesn't work, they can terminate the agreement. No commercial activity will be allowed. They may have to modify the regulations to limit the number of tires that a resident can bring.

Chuck Stengel made a motion, seconded by Frank Petrella, to enter into the Connecticut Tire Stewardship Program for the disposal of tires. Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Capozzi asked if DMIAAB is on a cash or accrual based accounting. Dom DelVecchio explained that they are on an accrual basis and any invoices received that are for work that had been completed in June would be charged in the last fiscal year.

Discussion Gas Cylinder Collection Program

Dom DelVecchio reported that they are still looking for someone to oversee the program and he will follow up on that.

Discussion Point and Pay System

The system seems to be working well and people seem to be happy with it.

Discussion DEEP Storm water Permit

Dom DelVecchio reported that the initial water quality samples seem to be acceptable. More information will follow.

OLD BUSINESS

Composting

Sean Piatek noted that the Lions Club had donated a shed to store the compost bins when they are full. They have cleared the area and the porta potty was moved. The Town of Durham has

dumped process in the area. They will level out the area and get preformed 5x4 concrete slabs from United Concrete to elevate the shed.

Composting Units (Update)

Dom DelVecchio asked once again if anyone wanted to take over the program and advertise it a little more. He wasn't sure how many units they have in stock. Sean Piatek will get a new sign. Sean also noted that they are working hard to catch up on the grinding and they now have quite the pile.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Vynalek from the public asked about the Tire Stewardship Program and whether the same rules will apply. Dom DelVecchio explained that the program has guidelines, but DMIAAB establishes their own rules. They will still not accept big truck tires or tires from any commercial establishment. Doug stated it will be nice to be able to stop and pick up tires on the side of the road and bring them to the transfer station.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Frank Petrella made a motion, seconded by Chuck Stengel, to approve the minutes of June 25, 2026, as presented. Motion passed, with two abstentions.

A question was asked if they take any medical waste and Sean Piatek explained that they take syringes, but they need to be in a container and are thrown in the compactor.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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