

# REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT ONE


Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, October 27, 2021  
RRDD#1 Conference Room  
31 New Hartford Road, Barkhamsted, CT 06063

**Call to Order** by Chairman William Marchand at 7:00 PM

**Attendance:** Glenn Albanesius, Hans Andersen, Peter Bakker, JR., William Marchand, Brenda Schaufler and Linda Groppo, Tim Sullivan. also Debbie Angell. Absent: Joe Beadle and

**Public Comment:** none

## **New Business:**



a: MIRA amendment proposal. Motion by Brenda Schaufler, second by Tim Sullivan to amend the **Municipal Service Agreement (MSA)** to delete the opt out portion (5-year plan - ending in 2027), as proposed by Tom Kirk, President and CEO of MIRA. Adding to the proposed amendment: with a tipping fee cap, such as an increase not to exceed, for example adding a ceiling of \$5- \$6 per ton per year, after which exceeding the tipping fee opt out would be possible. Much discussion took place. Administrator Angell had a few concerns. 1.) Debbie presented a spreadsheet showing MIRA tonnage under RRDD1 permit numbers in the last fiscal year, for MSW and recycling. RRDD1 transported 3,345 tons of MSW, while the private haulers combined transported an additional 7,974 ton, totaling 11,319 tons of MSW. As for recycling, RRDD1 transported 905 ton and private haulers transported 766.17 tons, totaling 1,691 tons of single stream recycling. 2.) For clarification, Debbie questioned Don Stein, MIRA Chairman of the Board regarding the Torrington transfer station remaining open for RRDD1 and our permit users. Answer: Yes. 3.) Debbie questioned if a hauler chose to work with another waste company, would this effect RRDD1? Answer: Probably not. 4.) The presentation shows recycling would remain at no change for the duration of the agreement. Closing and relocating the recycling plant to Berlin from Hartford – continues to be no charge. Once again Debbie asked for clarification regarding the Torrington facility accepting RRDD1 and its permit holders to use. Several other comments arose. It was mentioned that there are three other trash to energy plants in CT (Bridgeport, Bristol, and Easton) but that they are not big enough to accept our tonnage amounts. Motion passed unanimously. Landfills are now lined, safer and more sanitary to protect the earth. Biggest thing is to reduce waste. Other places in CT do not offer free recycling like MIRA. Don stated that once a tipping fee is set everyone will pay the same. Need to look at pay per throw or organic separation initiatives. Debbie stated she is looking into a grant for organic separation. Big need to lower waste. Reported that VT now mandates organics collection and CA will start on Jan 1. Don stated that if we had organics collection that that would mean the haulers would need to have a third collection bin at each of their residences. No commitment to opt out is needed until March. MIRA is simply looking for a letter of intent.

b. Addition to the agenda: Wayne Crossman Memorial Service: Being in touch with Wayne Crossman's family, Debbie stated that on Saturday, November 6 from 11-2 a gathering of friends will convene at the Winsted Elks, bottom floor. Several team members have expressed interest in attending the memorial to pay their respects to the family. Decision to close the facility at noon that day so employees could attend. Debbie will place signs on site, add notes to Facebook and update the website as well as notify the respective town halls to add the info to their town website. The reason will not be posted as the family did not want to be inundated with people at the event. This will be a private gathering. All were in favor.

Guests left and the board continued discussion with just board members present although they were invited to stay.

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c. American Tower: Debbie stated Caroline came back with a 120 monthly installment agreement totaling \$1,000,200. Debbie said she had an extensive conversation with American Tower representative who expressed that other firms are aggregators trying to get in. AT prefers to work directly with landlord directly instead of a third party. Accepting the ten-year agreement would guarantee 10 years of payment, no matter what. She did note that more of the co-locators are selling to other firms who already have spots, therefore less money from them. Debbie said Landmark Dividend, and another have been asking for information but have yet to produce a written quote. Board agreed to have Debbie request \$1.2 million and come back next month.

Approval of Minutes: Board Meeting minutes of Monday, September 27. Motion to approve by Brenda Schaufler, second by Hans Andersen. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, September: Motion to approve by Hans Andersen, second by Tim Sullivan. No discussion. Approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report: Debbie briefly went over the items in her report adding that the phones are back working. Berkshire Alarm was in to look at camera issue. We may need a new control box as they believe the phones and cameras were hit by an electrical surge as they both seemed to go out at the same time. Peter questioned the pricing to replace and the possibility of an insurance claim. Debbie added that she has been in contact with Senator Miner regarding HB 6386- and 1-pound propane tanks, including Worthington. Gary called on Monday was able to locate replacement tires for our John Deere. Tires will be exchanged.

#### Committee Reports:

- a. Waste oil burner: Jason from Yankee Service was in to review what we have and investigate a quote to purchase a hanging waste oil burner for the garage. This is a second firm to review and compare. Jason felt it would not be a good fit for us, that we would need to invest in two 250-gallon collection tanks, one to collect in, lock down and test, and if ok start burning and the second to collect while the first is under lock down and continue. He added that Rick's Auto had 2 waste oil burners installed and had them removed as he was not happy with them. They had a small nozzle and needed a lot of maintenance. He has not come back yet with a quote.
  - b. Annual report was handed out to all board members and will be forwarded to each respective town for their annual report.
  - c. O&M scheduled a meeting for Monday, November 8 to discuss the waste oil burner and the replacement roll off truck. Joe Beadle over the phone suggested I speak with Peter Marchand.
- Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Brenda Schaufler, second by Hans Andersen at 8:35. Motion passed unanimously.