

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting

February 11, 2015

NRRA Offices, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: Patrick Bowne, Dunbarton; Jim Jennison, Lempster; Tim Redmond, Weare; Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster; Kevin McKinnon, Colebrook; Chuck Whitcher, Candia; Joan Cudworth, Hollis; Roger Rice, Lee; David Hartman, Warner; Scott Greenwood, Moultonborough; Steve Wheeler, Salisbury; Pete Ballou, Salisbury ; Whitney Malcolm, Northfield; Douglas Kemp, NHDES.

NRRA: Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, Marilyn Weir, Mike Nork, Stacey Morrison, Gwen Erley

Tim Redmond called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

- I. **Introductions**-Group introductions were made. It was noted that Douglas Kemp was “standing in” for Melanie Doiron from NHDES.
- II. **Approval of Notes**- Tim asked for a motion to accept the notes from the January 14th meeting as written. The Motion was seconded by Roger Rice and passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update**-Mike Nork gave the market update stating that the market has been rather grim as of late. The fiber market is pretty much the same except cardboard (OCC) is down \$10. As far as plastics are concerned, both PET and HDPE are down. This is likely due to the continued decrease in gas prices. The scrap metal market is extremely unstable. Prices continue to drop weekly, sometimes they drop mid-week as well. Mike encouraged members to move steel sooner rather than later. Mike Durfor advised members that OCC prices may come back up in the Spring but they are not likely to reach record highs as we have seen in the past. The same could be said for the scrap metal market. Marilyn reminded members that wish to store their fibers, that if they are storing them outside they should be kept off the ground and under cover to avoid moisture contamination.
- IV. **Webinar Feedback**- Mike Durfor apologized for the recent Webinar malfunction we experienced and assured members that we will reschedule the Webinar and all of those who were previously registered will receive a targeted email advising them of the new date/time and link. We will also post new date in the Full of Scrap. Currently our target date is February 26th 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Once we get the “hang” of having these webinars, we plan to have many more. Mike also, told the group that “Talking Trash 2.0” will be held in March in Manchester. This seminar will focus on 6 Solid Waste Directors from each of the 6 New England States and will be discussing some of the challenges that they face. We will post more information about “Talking Trash 2.0” in our newsletter.
- V. **NHDES Reporting**-See forms printed out From NHDES website. Tim let fellow Members know that there is a link to the NH DES updated 2014 Annual Facility Report Form on the NRRA Website. Roger said that he was able to find it on his own but it was rather complicated and difficult to navigate. Doug Kemp, NHDES, was asked to weigh in on this and other subjects. He began by giving a brief history of landfill closures and the reporting required for that before explaining that self-inspections are not only important to the reporting process, they crucial to becoming compliant. NHDES is working on a form to assist

Transfer Stations with self-inspections but it is not yet available. Doug offered some information on the Oil Grant Program stating that funding will continue on a first come, first serve basis and may soon have a filing deadline each year. They currently have many, many requests on file. Applicants should submit their requests early in the calendar year. Doug also wanted to let our Members know that several core NHDES employees will be retiring in the upcoming year(s) and as those jobs are government funded positions, they may not be refilled. Other topics discussed: Propane Tanks- if they are empty and de-valved they are scrap metal. Old tanks in relatively good shape containing propane can be recyclable depending on Town rules. If tanks are damaged and contain propane, you should check with local propane dealer or put it with the HHW materials. Burn Pile Ash-Doug was very clear that this should be a very simple matter and it should be policy that Transfer Station burn piles should contain clean wood & brush only. Finally, the Annual Facility Report was reviewed and discussed page by page. There was some concern about members being able to put NRRRA as the material destination if the material was shipped through NRRRA. This topic is being further discussed with Mike Guilfooy of NHDES but Doug implied that if NRRRA was acceptable in the past it should be okay to continue to put it on the form this year.

- VI. **New Hampshire the Beautiful**-Stacey listed the signs that are currently available that were delivered as part of the NHTB Sign program. The next NHTB Board meeting is February 19th and any member wishing to submit a grant request should do so by the end of the week.
- VII. **School CLUB Update**-Gwen Erley joined the meeting to give an update on what the School CLUB has been up to. She told the group about a new school that has joined as members, Prospect Mountain High School in Alton, NH. She also told the group about our recent EPA Grant submission as well as our efforts to prepare for the upcoming 6th Annual School Recycling Conference in June.
- VIII. **Other Business**-Marilyn happily announced that she sold her first load of agi-film/shopping bags equal to 42,000 pounds. Marilyn also asked the group if there was any interest in recycling ABS Plastics (outer shells-electronics, car bumpers etc). Roger polled the group to see what other members were doing about Sharps as they do not belong in a landfill & Waste Management will no longer take them. One member said that Stericycle will still take them. Mike Durfor said we would also ask Sarah Silk about this issue. Mike Durfor gave an update on the 2015 NRRRA Annual Conference. We have a great variety of workshops all lined up and hope to be sending out the registration brochure soon. Mike then shared an article from the Daily Sun about the problem of contamination in recycling containers in Laconia, NH. Mike also addressed our recent office closures due to the snow storms. Bonnie gave a brief update regarding the equipment loss in Henniker due to a fire at the Town Shed. Dave Hartman pointed out that this is why sprinkler systems are so important.

Tim called for a motion to adjourn the meeting while announcing that the next meeting would be on March 11, 2015. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.