

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting
March 8, 2017
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: Barry Weeks, Meredith, NH; Michael Faller, Meredith, NH; Tim Amabile, Meredith, NH; Walter Scott, Jr., Salisbury, NH; Reggie Roy, Andover, NH; Mike Tarling, Meredith, NH; Patrick “Woody” Bowne, Dunbarton, NH; Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster, NH; Kevin McKinnon, Colebrook (retired), NH; Brian Grinavic, Meredith, NH; Steve Wheeler, Salisbury, NH; David Bowles, Canterbury, NH; Joe Cuddemi, Bennington, NH; Joan Cudworth, Hollis, NH; Paul Colburn, Walpole, NH; Tom Burt, Walpole, NH; Fred Garofalo, Lisbon, NH; Vanessa Keith, Unity/Lempster, NH; Gerry Purdy, Deerfield, NH; Kieran Murphy, Bridgewater, NH; Hunter Kenny, Bridgewater, NH; Lisa Stevens, BCEP; Chuck Whitcher, Candia, NH; Dave Hartman, Warner, NH; Jacob Levenson, Portsmouth, NH; Bruce Hewitt, Gilford, NH; Jim Solinas, Brookline, NH; Regan Pride, NCC; Brian Bordeau, Sanbornton, NH; Kevin Austin, Sanbornton, NH; Steve Doumas, Merrimack, NH; Tara Mae Albert, NHDES; Linda Birmingham, NHDES

NRRRA: Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, Marilyn Weir, Mike Nork, Stacey Morrison

Roger Rice called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Introductions-** Group introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes** – Roger Rice made a motion to accept the notes from the February 8, 2017 meeting as written. Mike Faller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update-** Mike Nork gave the Market Update. Good News this month, OCC went up \$40, mixed paper has also gone up this month. This rise in fiber pricing has been a steady climb over the past 6 months but who knows how long it will last. OCC is in high demand and fibers in general are enjoying a very strong market. Plastics are up a bit as well. PET is up, HDPE is up about \$0.07, #3 - #7 hasn't moved much, however. Scrap Metal has seen a few ups and downs over the past couple of months but most recently has come up a little. Steel Cans are also up. Non-Ferrous metal pricing changes week to week. Single Stream costs have come down a little thanks to the increase in the fiber pricing.
- IV. **Conference Update**– The 2017 NRRRA Conference Registration Brochure is now available on-line and by mail. On-line registration is now open and Members were urged to register before April 17th to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing. We are 90% certain that Governor Chris Sununu will be there to give an opening Address, our keynote will be John Casella and we have a great line up of workshops and activities. This year's conference will be held May 22 & 23 at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH.
- V. **Asbestos**–When asked who accepts Asbestos at their site, no Members replied yes. Mike told Members that if they found themselves in a position whereby a resident just left the asbestos material(s) at the Transfer Station, we do have a company who does “milk runs” to collect it, if need be. Tara (NHDES) explained that the State also has certified “holding facilities” that may also pick up asbestos. Tara also said that NHDES may have some workshops designed to help operators recognize asbestos materials.

- VI. **TABB-PET Bales w/out Headers-** Bonnie asked the group about their experiences so far with the recent TABB change that states that they will no longer accept PET bales with OCC headers. The general consensus stated that the transition went better than expected and there were no reported issues with the bales.
- VII. **Organics & Composting Stakeholder Meeting-** Mike announced an Organics & Composting Stakeholder meeting would take place on 3/15/17, 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., at the Local Government Center, Members were urged to register today for that event. NHDES Credits would be available. This meeting will include an overview of Vermont ACT 148 which includes a ban on food waste. Could a similar ban be coming to NH? Massachusetts already planning their own similar ban. Mike Nork further explained that ACT 148 has several phases, one of which is that, as of July 2017. all VT haulers and transfer stations must accept composting. NH DES will join us at this meeting to discuss regulations.
- VIII. **Schnitzer Weight Deductions** – Bonnie explained that we have been working with Schnitzer Steel to come up with a standard weight deduction for snow weight deductions. This will alleviate a lot of future negotiating, accounting issues and confusion.
- IX. **Talkin' Trash 4.0** – Mike told Members that he would once again be working with SWANA and EBC to present Talkin' Trash 4.0 in Manchester on April 7th from 8 a.m. to 12 pm. This year Talkin' Trash will cover topics to include landfill capacity and hauler concerns. There will be representatives from across the hauling industry on hand to discuss. Registration info will be in the next FOS.
- X. **NHDES** – Annual Facility reports have been reformatted and are due by 3/31/17. NHDES strongly recommends that everyone thoroughly read the Guidance Document that accompanies the report. Tara responded to a couple of Member questions regarding the annual report. Tara also explained that the Inactive Facility Report has also been revamped. This report only effects landfills that have been closed. Any landfills closed prior to 1981 do not need to fill out this form. Tara went on to announce several upcoming NHDES operator training dates (see FOS and NHDES website)
Members were informed that House Bill 101 will extend solid waste certification from 1 to 3 years. Volunteers would be exempt as long as they work under a principal operator but they would still need training and NHDES would require that they work only with NON-hazardous materials. NHDES, however opposes many aspects of this Bill.
- XI. **NHtB Signs & Grants** – Stacey announced that the NHtB Litter Free Blue Bag campaign was underway so anyone planning a Spring Clean Up in their community was urged to apply for their free blue bags while supplies last. The next NHtB Board Meeting will be in April. Anyone wishing to apply for an equipment grant should send in their application prior to April 10th.
- XII. **School CLUB Update** – Mike updated Members on all of the great work that Sarah McGraw has been doing while visiting schools, reviewing waste contracts, and creating STAR reports with Gwen's assistance. Gwen has been busy preparing for the 8th Annual School Conference on May 23rd.
- XIII. **Other Business** – Mike told Members about the current USDA Grant project that would address issues such as organics, LDPE, electronics and mercury. Surveys are being sent out to transfer stations, farms, grocers and others. Please complete the survey if you receive a request from us. Marilyn announced that she is looking for a ½ load of HDPE within one hour of the Lakes Regions

Roger Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20, Mike Faller seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next MOM Meeting will be April 12th.