

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting  
July 12, 2017  
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

**Notes**

**In Attendance:** Dennis Patnoe, Lancaster, NH; Fred Garofalo, Lisbon, NH; Steve Wheeler, Salisbury, NH; Patrick Bowne, Dunbarton, NH; Joe Wheeler, Northwood, NH; Joan Cudworth, Hollis, NH; Chuck Witcher, Candia, NH; Lisa Stevens, B CEP; Jim Solinas, Brookline, NH; Dave Hartman, Warner, NH; Jacob Levenson, Portsmouth, NH; Regan Pride, NCC; Melanie Doiron, NHDES; LeeAnn Childress, Loudon, NH; Barbara Burr, Loudon, NH; Roger Rice, Dunbarton, NH; Toby VanAken, Lee, NH; Mike Faller, Meredith, NH.

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

Joan Cudworth called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 April 12, 2017 meeting as written. Lisa Stevens seconded the motion, the motion was passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update-** Mike Nork gave the Market Update. He began with stating that it would be good news for the Month of July. Both mixed paper and cardboard prices were up and Plastics pricing is holding steady. He explained that according to PPI (Pulp and Paper Index) #8 News is now referred to as “Sorted Residential Paper” and it is currently priced at \$20 more than mixed paper. Cardboard is currently priced at \$170/ton though some loads are getting \$190/ton. This is way up from last year when it was only priced at about \$100/ton. The market continues to be unpredictable while China continues to crack down on waste and contamination in their fiber imports and we will very likely see the effects of these bans here in the U.S. soon. In Plastics, PET is up to \$0.14, HDPE is holding steady and HDPE Colored is down a bit. Mixed plastic grades are really hard to move currently due to the fact that it is typically exported to China, yet Members were encouraged to call us in any event to see if we could find an outlet for it. Scrap Metal pricing is holding steady, they increased a bit in June. There is not much movement in the aluminum can pricing recently.
- IV. **MSW Markets** - Mike explained that there is a decreased capacity for MSW. The Bethlehem landfill was denied an expansion and Casella in Southbridge, MA is nearing full capacity. Part of the problem here in NH is that nearly 400,000 tons of MSW are brought into NH Landfills/burn plants from MASS. MSW Market is currently charging about \$70-80/ton. Some locations such as Turnkey in Rochester, NH are putting quotas on some of their larger customers. A lengthy group discussion followed which included questions about whether or not these landfill quotas etc. would result in a larger push to compost/recycle, as well as questions about what to do about mattress recycling/acceptance and fees. In the end, Mike encouraged Members to review their MSW contracts and to call us to help them negotiate them.
- V. **USDA LDPE/Compost Presentation** – See Handout. Mike Durfor and Mike Nork reviewed the current presentation that addresses LDPE, Composting, Electronics and Mercury Devices.
- VI. **PGA** - Mike briefly updated the group to let them know that we are working with a facility that may possibly have a use for PGA, they are currently awaiting the appropriate permits.

- VII. **School CLUB** – Mike showed the group the NHtB You Tube video that highlights the Campbell High School Recycling Advocacy Program. After, Gwen gave the group an overview of the NRRA School Recycling CLUB and their programs.
- VIII. **NHtB Signs & Grants** – Stacey announced that the next NHtB Board meeting would be in mid-August so anyone wishing to apply for an equipment grant should have their applications in by the first week of August.
- IX. **Other Business** – Roger Rice formally announced that Toby Van Aken would be taking over as Transfer Station Manager in Lee and welcomed him to the group.

Roger Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25, Chuck Witcher seconded. Meeting adjourned. Next MOM Meeting will be on September 13, 2017.