



**TENTATIVE AGENDA**  
**ALLEGANY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015 @ 4:00 PM**

**Chesapeake Hall, FSU Campus, Frostburg, MD 21502**

**TOUR ROCKET COMPOSTER AT FSU @ 3:15PM**

- 1. Welcome/Introductions as needed.**
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting.**
- 3. Additions or Corrections to the Agenda for the May 6, 2015 meeting.**
- 4. Old Business:**
  - Tour FSU Rocket Composter [Meet at FSU/Chesapeake Dining Hall at 3:00PM]
  - 2014/2015 Priorities - Solid Waste Tag Fee Update
  - Household Hazardous Waste Day Update
  - 2015 Telephone Book Recycling Campaign/Sponsors Update
  - Elections Signs
  - Recycling Contract Update
  - Progress Report on Allegany County's Solid Waste Management Plan

**New Business**

- 6. Committee Reports:**
  - Education
  - Reduce/ReUse
  - Recycle/Compost /E-cycling Task Force Meeting 3?
  - Landfill
  - Construction Site Waste Management
- 7. Adjournment:**

**NEXT MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015 @ 4:00 PM**  
**County Office Complex**



**Allegany County, MD**  
**Solid Waste Management Board**  
**Meeting Minutes of APRIL 1, 2015**

The Solid Waste Management Board met Wednesday, April 1, 2015 at the County Office Complex, Cumberland, MD. **Members in attendance:** Woody Getz, Agnes Yount, Ron Hawk, Wally High, Steven Guinn, Bob Boyce, and Steve Young.

**Members absent:** Raquel Ketterman, Larry Crossland, Stuart Czapski, Tina Llewellyn, John Wardzinski, Michael Carlini, Steve Miller, and Brian Dicken.

Also Present:

Paul Kahl P.E., Director Public Works  
Terry Bennett, Recycling Coordinator

Larry Stouffer, Waste Hauler

**Guest:** Ms. Sierra Wigfield

A motion was made by Steven Guinn; second by Steve Young and the Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the March 4, 2015 SWM Board meeting.

A motion was made by Bob Boyce; second by Steven Guinn and the Board unanimously approved the Agenda for the April 1, 2015 SWM Board meeting.

Chair Woody Getz opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m. after a surprise farewell party for Terry Bennett.

A quorum was met for this meeting.

Board members were introduced to Ms. Sierra Wigfield. Sierra currently works for the County Transit Authority and has a strong interest in the County's Recycling program.

**Old Business:**

***FSU A700 Rocket Composter:***

- Bob Boyce reported arrangements have been made for the SWM Board to tour the "Rocket Composter" on the FSU Campus May 6, 2015 at 3:15 PM. The SWM Board meeting will follow in the Chesapeake Hall food service area.

***Update Priorities:***

- Solid Waste Tag Fee:
  - Steve Young read a letter that he and Woody Getz prepared to the County Commissioners regarding increasing the current \$.75 Refuse Disposal Tag to \$1.00 (see attachment 1").
  - Paul Kahl plans to discuss the increase with the Commissioners in the near future.

- Pot Holes at Recycling Center:
  - Paul Kahl mentioned that the County DPW is planning to repair the pot holes at the County's Recycling Center, Riverside Ave., Cumberland, MD.
- Future Household Hazardous Waste Day Event:
  - Woody Getz read a copy of a letter that he and Steve Young prepared requesting sponsorship for a future HHW Day event to Waste Management, Inc., and the following local waste haulers: Advanced Disposal, Burgmeier's, and Reese's Sanitation (see attachment "2").
  - Letters requesting sponsorship were also sent to the following local municipalities: City of Cumberland, City of Frostburg, Towns of Westernport, Lonaconing, Barton and Midland (see attachment "3").
  - Woody Getz noted that John Kirby, City of Frostburg Administrator, recommended providing funding for this event based on the ratio of residents in the City of Frostburg to total county residents: \$15,000 (event cost)divided by 72,000 residents = \$0.21 per capita  
City of Frostburg residents 9,000 x \$021 = \$1,890.00
  - Steve Young reported receiving information from Raquel Ketterman regarding submission for a \$5,000 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Foundation.
    - A portion of the grant money must be used for outreach education to inform County residents on the proper handling/storage of household chemicals and hazardous waste.
    - Raquel suggested distributing spray bottles with information on using non-hazardous cleaning solutions in lieu of potential harmful chemicals.
    - Stephen Guinn reported many homes in Allegany County lie within flood plain boundaries resulting in basement flooding. Steve noted that homeowners need to be aware of the proper storage of chemicals and fuel tanks located in their basements so they do not contaminate flood waters.

***2015 Telephone Book Recycling Campaign:***

- Larry Stouffer, Advance Disposal, reported Advance Disposal is planning to sponsor \$300.00 towards this year's Telephone Book Campaign.
- John Wardzinski, Waste Management, Inc. notified Terry Bennett that WM is planning to sponsor \$250.00 towards the event.
- **Many Thanks** to Larry Stouffer and John Wardzinski for continuing to support the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Telephone Book Recycling Campaign!
- The Campaign began March 25, 2015 and will run through April 22, 2015.

***Tally Update on Recycling Bins (Cumberland/Burgmeier's Curbside)***

- Terry Bennett reviewed a spread sheet tallying the number of recycling bins pulled/emptied from each location in calendar year 2014.
- The results showed that the recycling bin located in the City of Cumberland at Martins Market was emptied 3 less times in the last 6 months of 2014 compared to the first 6 months. A comparison will be made again for the first 6 months in 2015.

***Ability to Recycle Election Signs:***

- No further information for this meeting.

***Recycling Agreement:***

- Steve Young reported that the Department of Public Works is negotiating a renewal of the Recycling Agreement with Steve Miller, Penn-Mar Recycling, for another 6 years. This will coincide with Penn-Mar's purchase/lease agreement on the current location of the recycling center.
- Larry Stouffer noted he may have a different idea on recycling glass for the County; he and Steve Young are to discuss further.

**New Business:**

***Solid Waste Management Plan Update:***

- Steve Young discussed the letter sent to MDE regarding the confusion on the Progress Report requested by the MDE for the County's Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Committee Reports:**

***Education:***

- No report this meeting.

***Reduce/Reuse:***

- Copies of the revised **ReUse Directory** (December 2014) were distributed to attending members. See link in email body.

***Recycle/Compost:***

- Summer hours at the County Compost Site begin:  
Wednesday, April 1, 2015 through the end of November.

**Wednesday through Sunday 10:00AM – 6:00PM**

- Task Force Meeting 2
  - Woody Getz reviewed information collected from the Future Electronics Recycling Event Task Force meeting held prior to this meeting.
  - Woody requested each member to suggest a method for conducting future electronics collection events. Following were some suggestions:
- For the 2nd meeting of the eCycling Task Force, Woody's goal was brainstorming possibilities [however crazy] for how the eCycling event could be held/improved in the future. These are the responses in the order that the group generated them:
  - Change the venue to the County Fairgrounds:
    - potential concern - using forklift on uneven ground.
  - use split lines:
    - perhaps "TV" vs. "no TV"; or,
    - small items [that can be handed out the vehicle window] vs. BIG items that need the vehicle to be parked and opened for unloading.
  - semi pre-register [TBD];
  - attend to process of closing the event:
    - must deal with this in advertising/promotion of event;
  - "half-price" event;

- special "eCycling" sticker [price?] for items to go into box at landfill site;
- gooseneck, open trailer stacked at staffed sites;
- revenue-neutral [OR revenue generating!];
- promote Penn Mar's options so as to educate the public to their local, on-going option(s); and,
- Do NOTHING beyond promoting Penn Mar's options.

> We also recognized the value of Rick's "one TV per vehicle" suggestion. Rick will be invited to a eCycling Task Force meeting in the near future so as to incorporate his experience.

***Landfill:***

- Steve Young reported the closed landfill in Westernport and the Rubble Landfill in Cresaptown will need to have low volume pumps installed.

***Construction Site:***

- No report this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM;

Minutes were prepared by Terry Bennett, Recycling Coordinator, and reviewed by Woody Getz, Solid Waste Board Chair.

**NOTE APPRECIATION:**

Terry Bennett would like to **THANK** the Solid Waste Management Board for the extremely thoughtful retirement party prior to this meeting. The cake was delicious and the gifts were so generous. They will definitely be put to good use.

It has been such a pleasure and learning experience working with this Board over the past 15 years. I truly have never met a group of people that have so graciously volunteered their time and effort to help make Allegany, Maryland a cleaner place to live.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for a wonderful 15 years on the Board!