

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes January 4, 2017 at 3:00 pm

Allegany County Office Complex, Room 212, 701 Kelly Rd, Cumberland, MD

- Members Present:** Steve Young, Woody Getz, Agnes Yount, Raquel Ketterman, Stuart Czapski, Larry Stouffer, Steven Guinn, Julie Kennel, Robert Boyce Wally High, Steve Miller, Dick Soderman, and Siera Wigfield
- Members Absent:** Brian Dicken, Ron Hawk, Tina Llewellyn, John Wardzinski, Paul High, Doug McKenzie, and Larry Crossland
- Guests Present:** Melanie Hunt and Jim Whisner
- Next meeting:** February 1, 2017 at 3:00 pm at County Office Complex, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD
Room100 – Allegany Room
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Meeting

- ♻️ Woody Getz opened the meeting greeting everyone Happy New Year.
- ♻️ Steve Miller, owner of Penn-Mar Recycling brought Jim Whisner to the meeting. Jim is partnering with Penn-Mar to begin processing the plastics and metals from electronics. Jim has maintained scanners for TSA, and equipment for treating prostate cancer. Steve and Jim hope to get their new venture off the ground beginning March 2017.
- ♻️ Woody Getz explained that after his term for Chair expires in December 2017 he wishes to pass the position on to someone else. There will be time in February's meeting to discuss responsibilities of Chair.

Excerpt from SWMB By-Laws

Duties of Chair:

- ♻️ *Chairs and conducts all meetings of the Board; may establish ad hoc committees, and*
- ♻️ *Appoints members and monitors committees assigned to address specific areas of concerns;*
- ♻️ *Performs such other duties as designated by the Board.*

Duties of Vice-chair:

- ♻️ *Acts in the absence of the Chair.*

- ♻️ Approval of December 7, 2016 meeting minutes were made by Steve Guinn and seconded by Dick Soderman.
- ♻️ Woody Getz pointed out some of the dates on the Agenda "207 to 2017" should be updated.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman met with Burgmeier's to continue serves for 2 years extending their contract approval of extension is pending landfill figures and administrative approval more on this in February. Burgmeier's agreed to mail the calendars in 2017 at a cost of \$3,000.00 though it is only one-sided with no recycling guidelines.
- ♻️ Stu Czapski did not recall seeing a Holiday schedule in the Notify Me announcements, which was difficult to figure out with the weekend Holidays. He suggested to having an additional message for Holidays.

2015 MRA

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield is still waiting for the 2015 MRA Rate from MDE. She has mailed and emailed the 2016 MRA forms.

Guest Speaker

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield has been contacted by Edward Fayenblat with Comfort Life Mattress LLC, to discuss mattress recycling. She wanted to see if the Board would be interested in having Edward join the February meeting.
- ♻️ Woody Getz sees mattress recycling as a great opportunity for FSU and Frostburg. Ideally, arrangements can be made before May 2017.
- ♻️ Bob Boyce mentioned he does recycle mattresses, though it is costly and there is a minimum number he has to have before the recycler picks them up.
- ♻️ Woody Getz asked Dick Soderman if he could find a name and title of the person at ACM in charge of mattress disposal at their student housing.
- ♻️ The Board requested more information at the next meeting, and perhaps invite furniture stores, landlord associations, homeless shelters, hospitals, nursing homes, and public housing (and hotels). Siera would get in touch with Edward to get some information about his services and company to share before his presentation.

20th Anniversary of SWMB

- ♻️ Woody Getz commented that all of the Commissioners were happy to recognize the site owners of the locations of the recycling bins in honor of the SWMB's 20th Anniversary.
- ♻️ Steve Miller thanked the Board and Commissioners for the plaque and for the County's efforts.

Board Membership

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the Board that during the December 15, 2016, County Commissioners meeting Dick Soderman's appointment to the Board will be considered.
- ♻️ A motion was made by Stu Czapski to replace Lawrence Gingerich with Doug McKenzie as the Institutional (FSU) alternate to the Board and was seconded by Bob Boyce, and unanimously approved by the Board.
- ♻️ Steve Miller suggested Jim Whisner as an Alternate for Industry. Siera would send Steve a sample nomination letter.
- ♻️ 9 Vacant Positions to be filled
 - City of Frostburg (Member & Alternate)
 - Industry (Alternate)
 - Environmental Group (Alternate)
 - Hauler/Recycler (Alternate)
 - Citizens Advocate Group (Member & Alternate)
 - Citizen at Large (2 Positions)

Progress Report

- ♻️ Woody Getz reminded the Board a Progress Report on the Solid Waste Management Plan is Due to MDE Friday, March 24, 2017. The schedule is to approve and sign the Progress report by the March 1, 2017 SWMB meeting.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield hopes to share a draft of the Progress Report letter by the next meeting.

Hauling Contract

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the Board the Hauling Contracts for the Refuse and Recycling Containers expires June 30, 2017 and she will send an email out to anyone interested in reviewing the contracts before they are rebid.

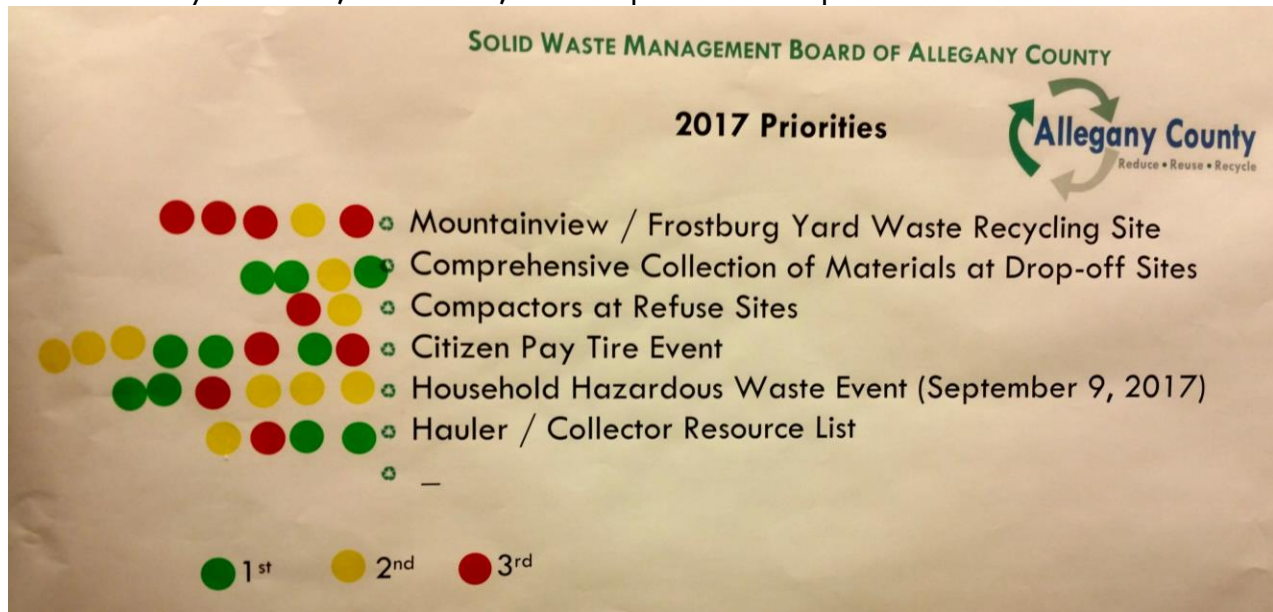
New Business

2016 MRA

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield has mailed and emailed the 2016 MRA forms. They are due to her by March 1, 2017.

2017 Priorities

Members of the Board were given 3 stickers indicating their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd priority they would like to accomplish in 2017. Below is a table with the weighted totals of these priorities. Top three 2017 Priorities are Citizen Pay Tire Event, HHW Event, and Comprehensive Drop off of Materials.



Citizen Pay Tire Event	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	17
Household Hazardous Waste Event (September 9, 2017)	1	2	2	2	3	3			13
Comprehensive Collection of Materials at Drop-off Sites	2	3	3	3					11
Hauler / Collector Resource List	1	2	3	3					9
Mountainview / Frostburg Yard Waste Recycling Site	1	1	1	1	2				6
Compactors at Refuse Sites	1	2							3

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- Woody Getz noted on Monday, January 23, 2017 is the last Curbside Christmas Tree Pick-Up in Frostburg.
- Wally High reminded the Board Christmas Card recycling is going on at all of the Public Schools.

Recycle/Compost

- No report this month.

E-cycling Task Force

- Siera Wigfield is looking to the FY 2018 budget for HHW funding and the Board to discuss accepting paint at a fee.
- Siera Wigfield noted she sent the Cumberland, Lonaconing, and Westernport bills for the Electronics Recycling Event and will send in a joint request for reimbursement for the County and municipalities. Frostburg's funding has been extended for an event in May.

Education

- Woody Getz and Siera Wigfield look to schedule a meeting with Eric VanSlythe Supervisor of Science for Allegany County Public Schools to discuss incorporating solid waste and recycling in the programs and see if there is anything the SWMB can do to help the BOE.

Landfill

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the Board there was an incident of dumping, the second in a year, of tires and other miscellaneous trash, on Mill Run Road near Westernport. She asked what has been done in the past to combat this issue.
- ♻️ Steve Guinn noted there are no County laws on littering, but MD's fines for dumping go to clean up programs that are mostly used in State Forests. In Maryland littering costs \$1,000 and points on your license.
- ♻️ Steve Miller commented on contamination in the recycling bins. They went through the trash for anything with a name and address and then had the Sherriff follow up with the offender.
- ♻️ Steve Young mention it's hard to prosecute but the County has posted signs, such as they did on Slab Town Road.

Construction

- ♻️ No report this month.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:30pm

Minutes prepared by Siera Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator and reviewed by Woody Getz, Chair.