

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



## Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2017 at 3:00 pm

### Allegany County Office Complex, Room 101, 701 Kelly Rd, Cumberland, MD

- Members Present:* Woody Getz, Agnes Yount, Raquel Ketterman, Stuart Czapski, Larry Stouffer, Steven Guinn, Julie Kennel, Robert Boyce, Wally High, Dick Soderman, Melanie Hunt, John Wardzinski, and Siera Wigfield
- Members Absent:* Brian Dicken, Steve Young, Ron Hawk, Tina Llewellyn, Paul High, Steve Miller, and Larry Crossland
- Guests Present:* Nick DeArcangelis, Mac Young, Edward Faygenblat, Edwin Batista, Kristine Hall, and Anthony Drury,
- Next meeting:* February 1, 2017 at 3:00 pm at County Office Complex, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD  
Room100 – Potomac Room – Task Force meeting prior at 2:00 pm
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### Meeting

- ♻️ Woody Getz opened the meeting by greeting the Board and guests. He asked everyone to introduce themselves.
- ♻️ A motion was entertained by Steve Guinn to approve the January 4, 2017 minutes and seconded by Stu Czapski.
- ♻️ No corrections were made to the February Agenda.
- ♻️ Woody Getz then turned the meeting over to Edward Faygenblat with Comfort Life Mattresses.
- ♻️ Edward give a short presentation on the mattress recycling and refurbishing services provided by Comfort Life Mattresses LLC and answered questions from the Board and guests. See the attached summary of the presentation and Q&A session that followed.

### Old Business

#### **Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update**

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman reported nothing new, she is still waiting the Mayor and Council's approval to renew the contract with Burgmeier's for an additional year.

#### **2015 MRA**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the group the official 2015 MRA Rate for Allegany County was 42.04%. Attached are the 2015 MRA totals for the rest of the State.

#### **Guest Speaker**

- ♻️ Discussion of hard to recycle items such as Styrofoam and batteries came up. Siera Wigfield responded there is a mail in Styrofoam recycling program check out <http://www.epspackaging.org/> Siera Wigfield directs people disposing of household batteries to Battery One on Mechanic Street. She noted perhaps a representative from Battery One could be a future good guest speaker.

## **Board Membership**

- ♻️ Larry Stouffer mentioned there is interest to add Valerie Lease as the Hauler/ Recycler alternate. Siera noted she would send Larry a template nomination letter.

## **Progress Report**

- ♻️ Due to the lack of time at this meeting, there will be a task force at 2:00 before the March 1, 2017 meeting to finalize the Solid Waste Management Plan Progress Report letter to MDE. (Draft attached)

## **Hauling Contract**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the Board the Hauling Contracts for Sludge, Refuse, and Recycling Containers expires June 30, 2017 Burgmeier's and Advanced Disposal both look to request one-year extensions on

## **2016 MRA**

- ♻️ No update this month.

## **2017 Priorities**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported the following were the top three priorities the SWMB would tackle this year:
  - Citizen Pay Tire Event- determine cost for tires >\$3/tire. Spring 2018?
  - Household Hazardous Waste Event (September 9, 2017)
    - This will be a topic of discussion at the 2:00 Task Force Meeting on March 1, 2017
    - Cost for paint disposal – YuckOldPaint.com or Clean Ventures Cost Sheet
    - Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant (up to \$5,000)
  - Comprehensive Collection of Materials at Drop-off Sites – Looking to add #1 & #2 Plastic in LaVale and Flintstone in Spring 2017

## **New Business**

### **Chair Q& A**

- ♻️ Woody Getz reminded the Board that his term as Chair will expire in December 2017, and he has no plans of running for re-election. He was open to questions from the Board about the Chair responsibilities. No questions followed.

### **Paint Stewardship**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield notified the Board about the Paint Stewardship Bill and passed around some literature on the programs implemented in other states. She would like to have the Board endorse a letter to the legislature encouraging their support for the March meeting.
- ♻️ Update: Siera Wigfield would like to share the other Solid Waste and Recycling related proposed legislature that is introduced this year, see attachment.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Reduce/Reuse**

- ♻️ No report this month.

### **Recycle/Compost**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the Board network enabled cameras were installed at the County Yard Waste & Mulch site. She wants the Board to discuss changing the operating hours at the site at the next meeting.

### **Task Force**

- ♻️ Meeting on March 1, 2017 at 2:00 to discuss HHW event in Fall 2017 and SWMP Progress Report.

### **Education**

- ♻️ Woody Getz and Siera Wigfield met with Eric Van Slyke 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. The meeting was very productive. Siera is looking forward with meeting with teachers next fall to encourage more plastic film recycling.

### **Landfill**

- ♻️ No report this month.

### **Construction**

- ♻️ No report this month.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:58pm

#### **Attachments:**

- Mattress Recycling Presentation Summary
- MRA 2015 Totals
- Progress Report Draft
- Paint Care Packet
- HHW 2017 Cost Discussion Materials

*Minutes prepared by Siera Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator.*

# Mattress Recycling Presentation Summary

Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board Meeting

February 1, 2017 3:00 pm

Room 100, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD 21502

Presented by Edward Faygenblat, Marketing Director of Comfort Life Mattresses LLC

- ♻️ The following members and Guests of the Allegany County Solid Waste Management Board, which included Siera Wigfield, Woody Getz, Melanie Hunt, Julie Kennel, Larry Stouffer, Raquel Ketterman, Stu Czapski, Bob Boyce, Wally High, John Wardzinski, Steve Guinn, Agnes Yount, Richard Soderman, Nick DeArcangelis, Mac Young, Hall, Anthony Drury, and Representatives of Comfort Life Mattresses LLC Edward Faygenblat and Edwin Batista met to give an overview of Comfort Life Mattress's services and discuss the potential to recycle mattresses in Allegany County.
- ♻️ Edward Faygenblat began the presentation with a 5-minute video of the mattress refurbishing process. In the video, it showed workers removing all of the padding and foam from a mattress, recovering the mattress, sewing the new covering closed, labeling and packaging the product. There was also footage of box springs being refurbished.
- ♻️ Edward explained his company refurbishes about 100 mattresses a day. These mattresses are sold directly by Comfort Life Mattress & Furniture and other discount retailers such as flea markets for much less than a new mattress – about \$400 depending on size and type (double sided, pillowtop, etc.).
- ♻️ Edward also explained that the *Steri Fab* is used before removing the product to kill bedbugs and sanitize the remaining wood and metal.
- ♻️ The materials removed and the frames and box springs that are not in good-enough shape to refurbish are taken to textile, foam, wood and metal recyclers.
- ♻️ Edward invites the SWMB and other interested parties to see their operation in Baltimore.
- ♻️ John Wardzinski, who oversees the Mountainview Landfill in Allegany County, as well as landfills in PA and WV, mentioned mattresses and box springs do not compact in landfills. The springs wrap around and bind the driveshaft's of the landfill machinery which is very expensive to repair.
- ♻️ Bob Boyce mentioned that Frostburg State University has used a mattress recycler but they require a minimum number of mattresses for them to pick up and recycle the mattresses.
- ♻️ Edward Faygenblat was interested in placing trailers in Allegany County to begin recycling mattresses, he quoted \$6.00 to recycle a mattress.
- ♻️ Mac Young expressed that his retail store ends up landfilling many mattresses and cost savings of recycling would be a benefit.
- ♻️ Julie Kennel from the Allegany County Health Department expressed concerns about bedbugs. Edward assured her the product they used killed all of the bedbugs and guarantees no bugs.
- ♻️ Edward Faygenblat spoke of looking to move his operation to a larger warehouse. Woody Getz suggested talking to the Allegany County Economic Development, perhaps a satellite facility in Western Maryland would make sense for his business.
- ♻️ Julie Kennel asked how long Comfort Life Mattress had been in business, Edward responded 3 years.
- ♻️ There was some discussion on perhaps implementing mattress recycling when the FSU students left the campus for the summer in May during the City of Frostburg's curbside bulk pick-up.
- ♻️ There was also discussion on logistics of placing 26' or 53' trailers to collect mattresses. Edward was open to purchasing more trailers to make this program happen. Though transportation of the trailers is needed. Woody Getz suggested perhaps there are local hauler willing to help.
- ♻️ Tony Drury from the Washington County Landfill reported it costs \$110/ton to dispose of mattress at their landfill, 50% more than MSW.

## Remaining Questions for the Recycler

1. The Information sheet mentions Comfort Life Mattress has all the permits and licenses required to comply with Maryland laws. Can Allegany County get copies of these licenses and permits?
2. How do you recycle the high-tech mattress materials like gels and memory foams?
3. It is understood the company has been in business for 3 years with plans on expanding. In the case of going out of business, which is hopefully highly unlikely, what would happen to the mattresses. Can we be assured that the entity providing the old mattresses will not be liable for disposing of abandoned mattresses?

***Comfort Life Mattresses LLC***

*Edward Faygenblat*

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## INTRODUCTION LETTER

**Comfort Life Mattresses LLC** is specializing in mattress recycling, and mattress refurbishing business, which is a part of mattress recycling.

Our company is getting used mattresses from different sources:

1. Retail stores
2. Several land fields
3. Apartment complexes

We have all necessary permits and licenses required by law in the state of Maryland for this type of business. All mattresses are transported by us to our warehouse and getting sorted out in 2 separate groups (recycling and refurbishing).

Mattresses that are in bad shape (badly damaged, wet) and not good for refurbishing, getting recycled by taken apart in separate components and getting bailed and sold as:

1. Metal (springs)
2. Shoddy (padding for carpet)
3. Cotton (textile)
4. Wood (mulch)
5. Foam

Majority of mattresses are getting refurbished by removing old materials and replacing them with brand new, everything is getting sanitized with special solution.

Finished product is packaged in plastic bags and stored in our warehouse for sale.

Quality of our refurbished mattresses is very good and our customers are happy with them.

Needless to say that our prices much lower than mattresses in a brand name stores, which saves customers lots of money.

Our customers are:

1. Retail Stores
2. Vendors at flea markets
3. Motels & Hotels
4. General Public

We are producing large variety of mattresses

1. Euro-top
2. Pillow top (single)
3. Pillow top (double)
4. Jumbo (14" Thick, most popular)
5. Box springs

All these types of mattresses come in twin, full, queen and king sizes.

We are always looking for new partners to do business with and wide open to any proposals.

**Allegany County Mattress Disposal Estimates at Refuse Sites**

|                | Number of Mattresses |           |             |             | Appox. Tons/Year |              |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
|                | Per Week             |           | Per Year    |             | low              | high         |
|                | low                  | high      | low         | high        |                  |              |
| Frostburg      | 15                   | 20        | 780         | 1040        | 29.3             | 39.0         |
| Oldtown        | 10                   | 12        | 520         | 624         | 19.5             | 23.4         |
| Flintstone     | 5                    | 6         | 260         | 312         | 9.8              | 11.7         |
| Little Orleans | 0                    | 1         | 0           | 52          | 0.0              | 2.0          |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>30</b>            | <b>39</b> | <b>1560</b> | <b>2028</b> | <b>58.5</b>      | <b>76.05</b> |

*Double Mattress Pillow Top ≈ 75lbs*

**Residential Refuse Disposal Costs**

Twin & Full           \$ 6.00

Queen & King         \$ 10.00