

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes March 7, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Allegany County Office Complex, Room 230, 701 Kelly Rd, Cumberland, MD

- Members Present:* Woody Getz, Raquel Ketterman, Dick Soderman, Agnes Yount, Wally High, Steve Young, John Wardzinski, David DeWitt, Rich Collins, Doug McKenzie, Steven Guinn, and Siera Wigfield
- Members Absent:* Robert Boyce, Brian Dicken, Ron Hawk, Daniell Kennedy, Paul High, Steve Miller, Stuart Czapski, and Larry Crossland
- Guests Present:* Amy Albright, Misty Joy
- Next meeting:* April 4, 2018 at 3:00 pm at Allegany County Office Building, Potomac Room, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD
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Meeting

- ♻️ Steve Guinn welcomed everyone and introductions were made, Amy Albright with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Misty Joy with the Health Department were present.
- ♻️ Steve requested comments to make any changes to the March agenda
 - Siera Wigfield noted the change the spelling of Marc to March
 - Woody Getz asked to add Frostburg Curbside Yard waste as a sub item under Recycle Compost
- ♻️ A motion to approve minutes for the January 2017 was made by Steve Young and seconded by Raquel Ketterman.

Old Business

Board Membership

- ♻️ Steve Guinn listed the following vacant SWMB seats:
 - Health Department Alternate
 - Citizen-At-Large
 - Cumberland Alternate -
 - Citizens Advocate Group
 - Board of Education Alternate
 - Industry (both Rep and Alternate vacant)
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield noted that Misty Joy, may be our Health Department Alternate and she would request a nomination from Brian Dicken.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield also noted Amy Albright works with the local farmers and Agricultural community and might be a good fit under Citizens Advocate Group.
- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman sent a letter nominating Terri Hast as City of Cumberland Alternate, but the Board did not act on it since she was not present.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman announced one more year of the Burgmeier's Contract. She is starting to analyze the tonnages and address additional items such as recycling Christmas Trees in the next contract. She also is looking at possibly getting a bin for mixed paper.
- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman also mentioned the City has placed an application with the Chesapeake Bay Trust for a 1-year conservation internship. Attached is the flyer. Applications due April 13.

- ♻️ Woody Getz suggested reaching out to Frostburg’s organizations like, Students for a Sustainable Society, the Wildlife Society, and others.

2017 MRA

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield mentioned she has received a lot of completed surveys but when she has times she will do the data entry portion of the report.

2018 Priorities

- ♻️ The following table is analysis of the Votes for 2018 Priorities the

	Votes								Totals
Citizen Pay Tire Event	1	3	3	3	1	3	3		17
Comprehensive Collection of Materials at Drop-off Sites	3	3	1	3	3				13
Public Cooking Oil Collection	1	2	1	1	2	2	2		11
Letter to local cafeterias to encourage use of composters	2	2	1						5
Cardboard Compactor at Mountainview	2	2	1						5
Mountainview / Frostburg Yard Waste Recycling Site	1	1							2
Compactors at Refuse Sites	2								2
Hauler / Collector Resource List	1								1
Mulch Site Dumping Fine in County Code									0

Citizen Pay Tire Event and Comprehensive Collection of Materials at Drop off Sites are still at the top of our list. Followed Public Cooking Oil Collection, and a tie for Cardboard Compactor at the landfill and Encouraging Composters and Food Recovery.

♻️ Comprehensive Collection

- On this note, Siera shared that the recycling bins at ACM which collect Can, Newspaper, and Magazines are only pulled 3 times a year (both bins combined). She asked if she could discontinue the site and move the Magazine Bin to Martins, which is utilized more. In addition, this would decrease the number of bin rentals needed on the FY 2020 hauling contract.
- Dick Soderman noted the ACM bin would not be missed.
- Siera will post signs notifying bin users before the change.
- Siera Wigfield also mentioned that the Town of Lonaconing was going to discuss moving their bin. *(Update from John Rudd, Town Administrator “The council voted to keep the bin inside the fence because of previous issues with the bin when it was in town (apparently their people made a mess of it using it as a dumpster). However, they did suggest we move the bin within our area so there is greater ease of access. They also are moving to promote the recycling bin so more people know where it is at and when they can use it. To these ends I was going to make a few fliers for around Town and post on our Facebook page.”)*

Bylaw Review

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield suggested everyone review the Bylaws and have a discussion on any changes at the next meeting in April.

New Business

NERC Grant Update

- ♻️ Siera provide the following update on the Technical Assistance Grant from the Northeast Recycling Council:
 - Presenting at FOCUS Frostburg on April 18, from 10 am -5 pm in the Frostburg Lane Center, recycling information table, possible compost bin presale, and food waste reduction discussions.

Compost Bin Sale

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield presented different offerings of compost bins available and wanted to Board to weigh in on what is offered. A Task Force will meet on April 4 at 2:00 to finalize a plan.
- ♻️ David DeWitt asked “Why a non-backyard gardener would want to compost?”

- ♻️ Woody Getz answered that it 20% of waste is kitchen waste and reducing this would reduce tipping fees or the costs of hauling for your municipality, and methane released at the landfill.
- ♻️ Steve Guinn also mentioned if you don't have a garden the material can fertilize your lawn or a neighbor's garden.

Hauling Contracts

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield informed the Board that the County will be renewing the Hauling Contracts for one final year. FY 2020 the contracts will be rebid.

Solid Waste Worker

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield shared that Cathy LeMaster, site attendant for the eastern refuse sites retired as of March 1, 2018. Interviews were held in February and an offer has been sent to the candidate. Their expected start date is April.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield shared that Bob Boyce is in Colorado and mentioned that they charge \$0.10 per bag to incentivize bringing your own.
- ♻️ Woody Getz mentioned they banned bags in DC because they were causing costly flooding.
- ♻️ David DeWitt shared that he takes his plastic bags to a crafter and employee of the Princess Restaurant who turns the bags in to crocheted items.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield received call from Keyser's Economic Development Commission asking if anyone would like silica-based bricks, if anyone would be interested in some or all, call me.

Recycle/Compost

- ♻️ Woody Getz announced that Frostburg Grows will not be able to take the City of Frostburg's Curbside Yard Waste any more. He wanted to discuss with the Board about taking the yard waste to the County Mulch Site.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield would be happy to accept the yard waste, her only concern is the paper bag, since it looks like cardboard her concern is that they would encourage litter since there is not a person on site to monitor.
- ♻️ Update, Frostburg will bring its first load on April 9, and see how it goes. An MOU may follow.

Task Force

- ♻️ No report this month.

Education

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield has worked with Penn-Mar they are now accepting the plastic film and it is much easier to get rid of. Siera has request the BOE would pick up at the three schools that need a weekly pick up.

Landfill

- ♻️ No report this month

Meeting Adjourned at 4:51 pm

Attachments: Conservation Corps and Compost bin options

Minutes prepared by Siera Wigfield, Recycling Coordinator, and reviewed by Steve Guinn, Chair.