

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



Meeting Minutes May 2, 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, David DeWitt, Rich Collins, Daniell Kennedy, Robert Boyce, John Wardzinski, Steven Guinn, Stuart Czapski, and Siera Wigfield
- Members Absent:* Brian Dicken, Paul High, Steve Miller, and Steve Young
- Guests Present:* Amy Albright (USDA NRCS), Misty Joy (Health Department), and Terri Hast (City of Cumberland)
- Next meeting:* June 3, 2018 at 3:00 pm at Mountainview Landfill Office, 13300 New Georges Creek Road, Frostburg, MD
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Meeting

- ♻️ Steve Guinn welcomed everyone there were no introductions made.
- ♻️ Steve requested comments to make any changes to the May agenda.
 - Woody Getz asked to add Bikes & Sewing Machines of the World to Reuse/Reduce Committee Reports.
 - Siera asked to add DelFest to New Business.
 - Raquel Ketterman asked to add Stumps to Compost Recycling/Compost Committee Reports.
- ♻️ A motion to approve minutes for the April 2018 was made by Steve Young and seconded by Raquel Ketterman.

Old Business

Board Membership

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported she received a letter nomination for Terri Hast to be the alternate for the City of Cumberland.
 - Siera asked Terri to give an overview what she does for the City, she works in the Community Development Office, and works with neighborhoods to help with cleanup efforts.
 - A motion was made by Woody Getz to recommend Terri Hast's appointment to the Board, and the motion was seconded by Stu Czapski. A unanimous vote was made to recommending Terri Hast's appointment to the Board of Commissioners (at the May 24 meeting)
- ♻️ Steve Guinn listed the following vacant SWMB seats:
 - Health Department Alternate
 - Citizen-At-Large
 - Citizens Advocate Group
 - Board of Education Alternate
 - Industry (both Rep and Alternate vacant)

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman is working hard to inform people to collapse their cardboard or recycling.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield suggested a YouTube video she could post on social media.
- ♻️ Stu Czapski Suggested perhaps we should have a mascot to educate and deliver messages.
- ♻️ Agnes Yount pointed out we already have RRRed the Red Worm, the Ultimate Recycler.

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman will set up a Task Force on a separate date than the regular meeting about getting our message out
- ♻️ Steve Guinn agreed a social media presence is lacking. Steve suggested to contact Jenna Linhart, she is a science commutator and could help craft a regularly distributed messages about the nuances and guidelines of the program.

2017 MRA

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield has not had time to crunch the numbers, but reports for some big retailers keep coming in. Aldi's recycling numbers are not easy obtain.

2018 Priorities

♻️ Citizen Pay Tire Event

- Siera Wigfield had an article published in the Times-News on April 16, 2018 She has collected almost 300 tires by appointment in April!

♻️ Comprehensive Collection

- Siera Wigfield reports no one has contacted her about the lack of the ACM bin. (Update on May 10 Siera got an email, a day after we removed the notice sign).

♻️ Cooking Oil Public Collection

- Siera Wigfield would like to start this project in the fall.

♻️ Composting Food Waste Letter

- Siera Wigfield Suggested to partner this effort with Western Maryland Food Council. Woody Getz suggested members attend their meeting. (Woody would you please get their meeting schedule?)

Bylaw Review

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield mentioned it would be nice to have lists of members for the various Committees, but even though it is not organized the way we report works well.
- ♻️ Steve Guinn confirmed there were no major changes and there was agreement to close the discussion of the Bylaws, and to look at them in a year.

NERC Grant Update

- ♻️ Siera provide the following update on the Technical Assistance Grant from the Northeast Recycling Council:
 - 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. – This event was not as well attended as I had hoped, but Siera made contact with Steven Birchfiel, the site operator of Prince George's Composting Facility (maybe a tour in the future?) Siera Wigfield recommended the Board watch "Wasted," a food waste documentary.
 - Compost Bin Sale & Workshop- Constitution Park 9:30 am – 2 pm
 - Siera Reported all but three bins were sold (\$20 each, let her know if you want one.) The mini workshop format went very well. Raquel Ketterman, Athena Lee Bradley, Woody Getz, Amy Albright and Jakki Hyatt from the Shade Tree Commission volunteered at the event.
 - Friday April 20, Athena met with Westport Elementary Staff and do a food waste audit at lunch time.
 - Wally High reported his concerns were all addressed, and it looks like the teacher's project, he is interested to see how it goes over the summer months. Wally also mentioned there is still some resistance from Board of Education administration.

RRRED the Worm



Tours

- ♻️ Trex – Siera Wigfield reached out to Trex, still waiting for a date for a possible May/June tour.
- ♻️ Landfill Tour- Tour after June Meeting. John Wardzinski will provide transportation to the Landfill face.
- ♻️ Burgmeier’s Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)- Possibly July.
- ♻️ Tech-Re Up – possible fall meeting place.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield suggested a tour of Washington County’s Landfill and Recycling facilities.
- ♻️ John Wardzinski suggested a tour of Apple Valley MRF also in Hagerstown. Raquel Ketterman was interested in this one, some of the Cumberland Curbside Recycling is processed here.

New Business

July Meeting

- ♻️ Steve Guinn mentioned the July meeting falls on July 4th and proposed to cancel the June meeting. No opposition.

Heritage Days (June 9 & 10)

- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman and Dick Soderman offered to man some recycling at Heritage Days, on Saturday June 9 and Sunday June 10. They do not have any leads to an organization to help man this program
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield offered to make some lids with holes to help with contamination
- ♻️ Terri Hast suggested another event, just a few hours, National Night Out on August 2 from 5pm to 8pm.
- ♻️ Woody Getz also suggested the Frostburg Block Party (evening only event) on Wednesday in September. He said it is very easy to get a table and participate in the event.

DelFest

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported for the second-year commingled recycling will be collected at DelFest and be processed by Carry All Products in Connellsville, PA. DelFest will pay the cost to haul and process the recyclables. In the past the recycling was slightly revenue producing when the recyclables were sorted. 2017 DelFest recycled 7.4 tons.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- ♻️ Woody Getz reminded people that Bikes and Sewing Machines of the world will be collected at Canal Place the Saturday before Memorial Day. Flyer attached. <http://www.bikesfortheworld.org>

Recycle/Compost

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield mentioned she get a call about every quarter about someone having trouble getting their cardboard in the recycling bin at Frostburg, because it is too full. She has decided to ask the attendants to keep a better eye on the bin and optimize for easier filling than for a heavier haul. If we improve our recyclers experience they are more likely to do it. Hopefully a cardboard compactor is in the future (5 years)
- ♻️ David DeWitt commented he has seen people having trouble recycling cardboard, but often there is an empty trailer, and you just need to ask the attendant to open the slots.
- ♻️ Steve Guinn Suggested putting a sign up for people to see the attendant. Siera will make a sign.
- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman was asked how to get rid of stumps. Siera’s guidance is the following: “No stump burning is allowed. The best way to deal with stumps is to leave them in the ground and let them deteriorate naturally. If someone insists on removing them, they should be allowed to dry out and cut into fire wood size pieces. They could then be burned in a recreational fire.” (From the A-Z Recycling Guide)
- ♻️ John Wardzinski mentioned if the stump is contaminated with trash it can be landfilled.

Landfill

- ♻️ Woody Getz announced Frostburg’s Bulk Pick up will be Tuesday Wednesday Thursday, later in May (dates to come) Siera Wigfield will send Frostburg the info about Tires and Electronics to reduce the number of TVs left out for the cleanup.
- ♻️ David DeWitt mentioned he always get something very good from the curb during the bulk pick up.

Task Force

- ♻️ No report this month.

Education

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield announced the schools collected 5.87 TONS of plastic film and bags! She is so proud. South Penn & Bel-Air won the Regional Contest from Trex and get a bench. Bel-Air was first place for the County Contest. Results attached.
- ♻️ Raquel Ketterman is working on doing more education and outreach, she is presenting to Leadership Allegany! and the Center for Life Long Learning in the near future.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:28pm

Attachments: Plastic Film Recycling Challenge Results, Times New Articles (Compost Bin Sale, & Tires & Electronics), Landfill Cardboard Sign

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