

# SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



## Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2019 at 3:00 pm

**Allegany County Office Building, Potomac Room, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD**

**Members Present:** Woody Getz, Agnes Yount, Wally High, Raquel Ketterman, Steven Guinn, Stu Czapski, Steve Young, Dick Soderman, Paul Kahl and Siera Wigfield

**Members Absent:** Brian Dicken, John Wardzinski, Misty Joy, David DeWitt, Jon Ickes, and Robert Boyce.

**Guests Present:** Sajoy Pattion (Conservation Corps, Allegany County), Ron Russ FSU Facilities

**Next meeting:** December 11, 2019 at Allegany County Office Building, Potomac Room, 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD

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- ♻️ Steve Guinn called the meeting to order.
- ♻️ A motion was made by Steve Young to approve the October 3, 2019 minutes, the motion was seconded by Raquel Ketterman and was unanimously approved.
- ♻️ No changes to the agenda.

### **Old Business**

#### **Curbside Recycling Update**

- ♻️ No update this month.

#### **2019 Priorities**

- ♻️ 1: HHW Event Report
  - Siera Wigfield reported the HHW, or the Too Toxic To Trash Event went well. Attached is an infographic of the results and a brief presentation given to the County Commissioners.
- ♻️ 2: Frostburg Yard Waste Site- No update this month, landfill status item below.

#### **MRA 2018**

- ♻️ No update this month.

#### **Landfill Drop-off Area Improvements**

- ♻️ No update this month.

#### **Promotional items**

- ♻️ No update this month.

#### **Event Bin Program**

- ♻️ Sajoy Pottian drafted an event bin recycling and is working on implementing the program. See attached for latest iteration. Comments welcomed and can be emailed to [spottian@alleganygov.org](mailto:spottian@alleganygov.org), please cc [swigfield@alleganygov.org](mailto:swigfield@alleganygov.org).

### **New Business**

#### **America Recycles Day**

- ♻️ Friday, November 15 is America Recycles Day. Burgmeier's has donated shredding services to the public at the Allegany County Recycling Center on Kelly Road. Raquel Ketterman and Siera Wigfield will be present to answer people's recycling questions. Raquel is hoping to increase the mixed paper recycling participation. Siera Wigfield is looking forward to reaching out to the non-Allegany County residents, who are welcome to take advantage of the shredding services and to share the Holiday Recycling Guide.

## **Holiday Meeting**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield announced the Holiday December Meeting food and refreshments will be provided [update due scheduling conflicts the meeting was moved to December 11 at 3:00 pm and will take place in the Potomac Room of the County Building.] Sponsorships of the food and refreshments are welcome, as well as food to share. Penn-Mar was mentioned as a potential sponsor.
- ♻️ All who attend the meeting are encouraged to bring their own plate.

## **Holiday Recycling Guide**

- ♻️ See attached. Feedback to Siera is welcome. Would like to update it next year. Perhaps do other versions for other Holidays.

## **Landfill Status Update**

- ♻️ Paul Kahl reported to the Board that on July 11, 2019 the County received a letter from WM notifying the County that the landfill permit will expire in 2022 and the cost to develop another cell will exceed \$3million/acre, this is over the \$320,000/acre development costs in the 2008 Landfill Agreement. If the County would proceed and develop this cell, tipping fees would be over \$80/ton. County is hiring an outside engineering firm to examine Waste Management's calculations and considering alternatives to developing more landfill space on the 135-acre parcel. The Commissioners have expressed they would like to see the continued operation of a landfill in Allegany County.
- ♻️ The County met with Waste Management on October 3, 2019 and at which time WM shared the Mountainview Landfill was not meeting its financial expectations, and it is only taking in around 70,000 T per year, when its permitted to accept 145,000 T. The Advanced Disposal Transfer Station has decreased the tonnages seen at the landfill. The County responded with a letter following the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting asking for WM to provide alternatives to County waste disposal beyond 2022 and for detailed data on their \$3million/acre proposal.
- ♻️ Steve Young explained that the reason the cost per acre is so high is the proposal includes over 8,000 CY of supporting soil, which would take two years to haul to the site.
- ♻️ Steve Guinn asked how many County's with a population of under 100,000 have a landfill.
- ♻️ The County representatives will be meeting with MDE on November 18 to discuss timelines and requirements to expand the landfill.
- ♻️ Siera Wigfield and Paul Kahl have been in touch with the the Department of Justice since the DOJ is investigating antitrust issues in regards the Waste Management purchasing Advanced Disposal.
- ♻️ Paul Kahl followed up that Waste Management send a Letter on November 1, which was positive in providing solid waste disposal options at their other landfills beyond 2022, the County is looking to set up a meeting to discuss transfer station and ultimate disposal options for the Landfill agreement terms to 2033.

## **Office Building Recycling**

- ♻️ MDE has passed a new law that requires the County to update the Solid Waste Management Plan by April 2020 to include Office Building Recycling. See Attachment.

## **Styrofoam Ban**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield sent information around about the Styrofoam Ban via email.
- ♻️ Steve Young commented the health departments or environmental departments would be enforcing the law.

## **Oldtown Refuse Site**

- ♻️ The County has purchased a property in Oldtown to the south side of MD 51, near the SHA Salt Dome. The site will be used to develop a new County Roads Garage and Refuse Site for Oldtown. The current Refuse Site on Lower Town Creek Road and the Roads Garage on Manifold Road are not owned by the County, the lands are leased. Plans for the site include a compactor for trash, a bulk dumpster, and a comprehensive suite of recycling for all items accept glass. Plans to be shared in the near future.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Reduce/Reuse**

- ♻️ No update this month.

## **Recycle/Compost**

- ♻️ Siera Wigfield reported there have been several dumping incidents at the mulch site, people have been dumping truck loads of construction and demo debris, it looks like decks. The cameras have not been very helpful in enforcement, the last truck went too fast and the license plate was not captured. Siera is looking for suggestions on enforcement. Currently we are trying to open and close the gate according to the posted operating hours. In addition, when Grant County Mulch grinded the material in early October they found a lot of plastic in the material, which if this continues to be a problem, they will not provide the service.
- ♻️ Suggestion include automatic gate, key coded gate, speed bump at entrance, and posting photos of offenders. Have a subscription for a key card or gate code.

## **Landfill**

- ♻️ No report this month.

## **Task Force**

- ♻️ No report this month.

## **Education/ Public Relations**

- ♻️ No report this month

## **Keep America Beautiful – Due June 19 2020**

- ♻️ No update this month

Meeting Adjourned at 4:18 pm

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

## **Attachments:**

- ♻️ Too Toxic to Trash Survey Results
- ♻️ Too Toxic to Trash Infographic
- ♻️ America Recycles Day Shed Event Flyer
- ♻️ Holiday Recycling Guide 2019
- ♻️ Landfill Agreement 2008
- ♻️ WM Letter July 13, 2019
- ♻️ Allegany County letter Oct 2019
- ♻️ WM Letter Nov 11, 2019
- ♻️ MDE Office Building Recycling Solid Waste Management Plan
- ♻️ Styrofoam Ban Stakeholder Notice
- ♻️ Styrofoam Ban FAQ