

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF ALLEGANY COUNTY



DRAFT Meeting Minutes August 4, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and In-Person

Members Present: Stu Czapski, Raquel Ketterman, John Kirby, Richard Soderman, Lee Heavner, Steven Guinn, AJ Miller, Carolyn Mathews, Woody Getz, Brynn Laird

Members Absent: Wally High, Steve Young, Brian Dicken, Amy Moyer, Dusty Hilbert

Guests Present: Margie Hartman

Next meeting: September 1, 2021 at 3:00pm, Hybrid Meeting via Zoom and Meet in Potomac Room 230, County Office Building at 701 Kelly Road, Cumberland, MD

- Steven Guinn welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- A motion to approve the minutes from July 2021 was made by John Kirby, seconded by Lee Heavner, and unanimously approved.
- Woody Getz asked that the time for the Too Toxic to Trash event be added to the agenda.

Old Business

Eastern Refuse Site Improvement Recommendation

- Brynn Laird updated that the MV Smith Road site was approved by the Commissioners at their 7/22 meeting. The site development process will now begin with the ACDPW team.

Cumberland Curbside Recycling Update

- Raquel Ketterman sent out the recycling flyer to 21502 zip codes.
- Raquel Ketterman and Carolyn Mathews attended the National Night Out on 8/3 and had four recycling bins beside trash cans. The event was attended by a couple hundred people. They collected one bag of recycling total, when they expected closer to twelve bags. They used the opportunity for community outreach.
- It was suggested that we find ways to cut down on trash for future events, such as provide water refilling stations and reusable water bottles rather than disposable bottles.

2021 Priorities

- Too Toxic to Trash Event - Saturday, Oct 9, 2021 from 9AM to 2PM
 - Brynn Laird submitted a grant application to the CBT and now waiting to hear back.
 - Brynn Laird said we have received pledges from the City of Frostburg and Burgmeier's so far. Raquel Ketterman added that we also have pledges from the City of Cumberland and NEFCO.
 - Volunteers are needed for the event. It was decided that there will be two shifts, 8AM - noon and noon - 4PM. Brynn Laird will send out a survey for Board members to sign up. After we have a count of volunteers, we will solicit more from other organizations.
- #5 Plastic Recycling

- Raquel Ketterman saw on Facebook that Grow West is part of the [High 5 Initiative](#) to collect #5 plastics for recycling. Steven Guinn noted that it is likely targeted at prescription bottles, which are made of #5 plastics and are used by dispensaries.
- Residential Pay Tire Event
 - We want to make sure we somehow highlight our ongoing options for residential tire disposal to attendees at the Too Toxic to Trash event.

Riverside Recycling Site Update

- We likely need to find a new location for the bins as they are currently sitting on Grow West property.
- It was suggested that we want to look at the strip of land in front of RH Lapp.
- If we move away from Penn-Mar, the responsibility of hauling the materials to Penn-Mar falls on the County (Mick.)
- Margie Hartman said that it gets icy by the bins in the winter, so we need to take that into consideration with the new location. We also need to make sure that the signs are changed on the building so we don't confuse residents.
- We can start a Task Force to consider different site options if there is not one obvious solution.

Oldtown Refuse Site Development

- Brynn Laird updated that all concrete work is complete, the fence has been ordered and the shed will be built in the upcoming weeks.
- Do we want to host a ceremonial ribbon cutting/opening ceremony when the site is ready?

SWMP Update

- Brynn Laird asked for any comments. Woody Getz said there are still a few Oxford comma issues.

2019 MRA Report

- The 2019 report was approved. Brynn Laird sent out a link to the post on MDE's website. The footer on the agenda has been updated.

Legislative Update

- No update. Not in session.

2020 MRA Reports

- Brynn Laird submitted to MDE, and we are awaiting comments.

Landfill & Transfer Station Clarification for Public

- AJ Miller has a meeting next week with CEC to discuss a permit modification to be able to accept animal waste.

Frostburg Mulch Site

- A plan for this is pending. It was delayed due to the landfill acquisition, but has been discussed with the new ownership. It was suggested that we solicit feedback from John Kirby and/or Woody Getz since they are City of Frostburg residents who would be served by this new location.

New Business

Membership

- AJ Miller and Rob Euen were approved to be on the Board by the Commissioners at their 7/22 meeting.

- Brynn Laird asked for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Board. Woody Getz was nominated by Stu Czapski and seconded by Lee Heavner. Woody accepted the nomination. A motion to close nominations was made by Lee Heavner and seconded by Dick Soderman. Woody Getz was unanimously elected Vice-Chair.

Mountainview Landfill Ownership

- We recently learned that Mountainview Landfill was acquired from GFL by Noble Environmental, but still unsure what that means at this time. We discussed whether or not expanding the landfill is a good idea. The Board would like to have a say in this. It was brought up that we need to review the SWMP to see what it says about an expansion and also if the County would be financially responsible for any associated costs.

Public Communications

- Brynn Laird asked for ideas on how we can better communicate with residents about solid waste and recycling options in the County, i.e. a Facebook page or something along those lines.
- Raquel Ketterman said that the City of Cumberland recently started a Facebook page, and it has made a difference.
- Margie Hartman said she regularly gets questions from friends and neighbors and that we do need better communication. If we want people to recycle, we need to make it easier.
- If we do have a social media page, we need to make sure it is a business page without comments allowed and that content can be posted directly by Brynn without going through others.
- Brynn Laird to look into this further in regards to County policies. In case we need a motion, Woody Getz made a motion to make a “Recycling page” run by Brynn to focus on public education and outreach. Stu Czapski seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Reduce/Reuse

- No one had much time to review the Reuse Directory, but everyone agreed that we should call each business listed to confirm their information. Raquel Ketterman volunteered to help with this effort. We also mentioned that the table is difficult to read, so we may want to consider alternate options for that even though that was also discussed when working on the last version of the Directory and no one had a better format.

Recycle/Compost

- No update.

Landfill/Transfer Station

- No update.

Education/ Public Relations

- No update.

Task Force

- Task Force meeting was held just before SWMB meeting. Separate notes are available.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Minutes prepared by Brynn Laird, Recycling Coordinator and reviewed by Steven Guinn, SWMB Chair.

Task Force Notes – Too Toxic to Trash Event – August 4, 2021

Attendees: Raquel, Dick, Woody, Mick, Steven, Carolyn, Brynn

- Funding (2019 Cost ~\$22.5K)
 - CBT Grant – applied for \$5,000 and waiting to hear back
 - Sponsors
 - Burgmeier's (\$250)
 - Cumberland (\$3,000)
 - Frostburg (\$2,000)
 - NEFCO (\$500)
 - Brynn to check in with Waste Management, Advanced Disposal, Noble, Lonaconing and Westernport
 - Allegany County Commissioners
- Supplies Needed – Mick and Brynn to see what is in shed and make list of what to purchase
 - 4 tents – have 2, need 2 additional
 - Folding tables
 - Clipboards
 - Vests – Raquel can bring some
 - Clicker for car counts
 - Old red cardboard trailer to store overflow paint until YOP can return to collect
 - Electronic signs – check with Dan
 - Standard signs
 - Golf cart – check with Kevin
 - Side x side – check with Sheriff's office
 - Cones and barricades
- Setup at Fairgrounds
 - Keep same as 2019 (have map)
 - Do not worry about audio loop as it was ineffective
 - Make sure there is bathroom access for volunteers
 - Have clear plan for opening additional loops if needed to prevent traffic backup
 - Feasible to have a "fast lane" for anyone with just one or two items?
 - Make sure we time a car once per hour or so to have data on maximum time to get through line
- Volunteers/Workers
 - Need to have a County contact since Brynn will not be able to attend the event
 - Woody has connected with FSU Echostars and just needs to tell them how many volunteers we would like
 - Raquel will contact Just Serve organization to see if they have anyone available
 - Brynn to send out Google Form to SWMB to see who can work at the event – we will break it up into two 4-hour shifts
 - Would be helpful to have ACDPW employees complete bulk of setup on Friday if possible
 - Check with Ed Mullaney to see if anyone needs community service hours

- Once we have a list, it would be helpful to gather phone #'s for anyone willing to share theirs in order to communicate on the day of the event
- Contractors
 - ACV Enviro – good to go
 - Yuck Old Paint – all in agreement that YOP can collect all paint instead of sorting it as we did in the past; will eliminate need for dumpster with mulch and liner; we will charge \$3/can of paint with Allegany County paying \$2/can (was opposite in past)
- Advertising
 - Flyer to hang at all County refuse/recycling sites, City Halls
 - Post on County website
 - Make calls to residents who have indicated interest – Brynn to check with Beth on how to pull this info – SWMB members can help with calls
 - Have added to community calendars and radio stations – Raquel to send Brynn contacts
 - Paid ad in Times-News?
 - Share on Facebook – City of Cumberland, InAllegany
- Hours of Event
 - Setup – Friday afternoon/evening and Saturday 8AM – 9AM
 - Collection 9AM – 2PM
 - Cleanup 2PM – 4PM
- Survey
 - Skip for this event – no relevant questions that need to be answered by residents
- Handout
 - Good idea to use this as an opportunity for public education and outreach
 - Design as a newsletter-style flyer to hand out
 - Tire recycling program
 - Electronics recycling options
 - How to reduce use of HHW
 - Instructions on alternate ways to dispose of paint
 - Blurb on new Oldtown site and MV Smith Road site
 - Info on Mountainview closing?
- Food
 - Water
 - Donuts and coffee for breakfast
 - Pizza and soda for lunch