

**MEETING**  
**Somerville Town Office**  
**April 27, 2017**

The following directors were present: Dan McGovern, Dana Philippi, Elaine Porter, John Shepard, Jim Bailey, Peter Beckett and Norman Casas.

Also present were David Stanley, Facility Manager, and Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant.

Dan McGovern, President opened the meeting at 7:10 pm.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** A motion was made by Dan McGovern and seconded by John Shepard to accept the minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The checking account balance as of today is \$ 84,635.45. The Money Market account balance is \$ 50,689.05, the Reserve Account balance is \$103,180.32 and Accounts Receivable (Casella) as of today is: \$ 4,912.69. Dan McGovern made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Don Thebeau seconded. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The large plastic area is open again. The scales are operational. They were only open once in the winter due to ice.

**Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day:**

This event will be held June 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 11 am. It is always the third Saturday in June. We split the day with MCSW and their event is in the afternoon. David will bring in an extra employee for the half day.

We subsidize it and the fee for users is \$10/unit. We signed an agreement with the Paint Care program which has helped us a lot, they will take paints at no cost to us or the customer. Latex and alkyd paint only.

There was a major packaging issue with the new order of bags. It was the same vendor and the same bags but they were folded in pairs instead of singly. The bags were sent back to NJ, all but one pallet on which we got a 20% discount, and they were refolded. The bags will be back on the 28<sup>th</sup> or Monday the 1<sup>st</sup>.

The trailer shed is still on schedule for late April or early May. Coutts Brothers will set the poles and Glen Curtis will do the building. The earthwork is all done.

The new entrance sign is close to being done. We took off Palermo and a lot of clutter and added the street address number. The crew will put the new posts in themselves.

David is considering putting in some racks to be able to stack the bags higher. He has a chance to buy used steel pallet racking and new tines for the backhoe. This will provide more working space in the recycling.

The ecomaine contract is complete except for an address change.

The gates in the trash building were not in compliance with DEP. They need to be closed but it's hard to toss trash into the trailer. They will be repositioned closer to the edge of the bins, and will only be open when pushing trash in or a large hauler needs to be unloaded.

Sunday closure has allowed us to ship heavier loads of trash, thus increasing our transportation efficiency.

David is still in the process of finding a replacement for Hank, utilizing the resources of Maine Job Search.

We should make minor revisions to the Personnel Policy which mentions Palermo and six member towns. This would be a formality.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The question was asked as to what is going on with Palermo's exit. The respective attorneys are working out a financial exit agreement. Some of the very early 1990's commitments made by the Towns are being looked at. We don't owe money and have reserve accounts which will not be in our favor. We just received a bill from Roger Therriault (\$2900) for 18 months but it was the first bill he has sent in 10 years.

David said art teacher Carol Brown is bringing in a sketch and will be having her students come paint a mural.

David explained that we now have a non-resident fee schedule which covers Palermo and other non-member towns. He has been in touch with a couple of window sticker vendors. He expects to be moving forward with it in the next couple weeks.

John asked if towns that have had annual meetings had many complaints. There have been some.

Dan – someone asked him if we were trying to attract new members, which we are. David hasn't seen some of the out of town people since we closed on Sundays. Seasonal taxpayers pay as much as year round residents do.

The Quarterly Financial reports and the April Warrant were handed out to board members.

The next meetings are on: July 27 \_\_\_ Union Town Office  
October \_\_\_ Washington Town Office  
December \_\_\_ Liberty Town Office

Dan McGovern made a motion and James Bailey seconded to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by, Gail Philippi, Administrative Assistant