

**FIWMD
FEBRUARY 27, 2019 @ 4:30 PM
AT FI COMMUNITY CENTER
MINUTES**

*John Patterson, Chair
Bruce Hubert, Vice Chair
Robert Evans, Treasurer
Sarah Malinowski, Secretary
David Burnham*

Tim Patterson called the monthly meeting to order at 5:00, Dave Burnham was absent.
There were no additions to the agenda.

OPERATIONS REPORT FEBRUARY 2019

COMPOST PILES –

All piles have been turned.

A sample from the knotweed pile will be sent off to Cornell in early March to see how composting is coming along. We have been monitoring the temperature and it continues to cook along fine.

HAULS - For the month of February there have be 7 hauls by the end of this week. We have had to add two hauls this month so far. The following is a breakdown of hauls per type:

- Bottles and Cans – 1
- MSW – 1
- Paper –
- Bulky - 2
- Metal –
- Wood – 3
- Cardboard –

LANDFILL –

Nothing to report

WILDERNESS ROAD –

Nothing to report.

BRUSH GRINDER –

The grinder is working well, and we have caught up with the heavy load of brush brought in this winter.

GLASS GRINDER –

For the year, we have processed 12 yards of glass, or 3 tons, so far.

STATIONS –

With spring almost here, we will be getting the soil screener serviced and ready for screening compost. We'll also be doing any spring clean-up around the stations.

The contractor for the Army Corp of Engineers found six tanks with gasoline. The tanks are enclosed in the concrete floor of the structure next to the generator plant building. They will have to wait to get the okay from the government before they will remove the tanks. I've asked them to notify me when they do, so we can relocate our composting operation while they perform their work. They mentioned it will be four to six months out.

A letter will be going out to all the contractors to remind them that their waste must be separated. Also, that the facilities are not meant to be a place for their employees to take breaks or "kill time".

After this past wind storm, Annette pointed out that the shingles on the Compost shed are coming loose and will need repair.

EQUIPMENT –

A new seat was put in the front-end loader after twenty years. The employees are very happy!

TRAINING/PERSONNEL –

I found out that the school that did the freon removal certification has discontinued the course. I am currently researching for another location so Brandy can get certified.

OTHER –

I am waiting on word to see if there is a local store in the New London area that would work with us to take single use plastic. Hopefully, we can get this up and running before the summer season.

The governor of New York has placed banning plastic single use shopping bags on the April 1st budget agenda. Another bill has been introduced to have a ban on plastic and a fee on paper. Currently, the NYSAR Single Use Plastic (SUP) committee has not taken a stance on either bill. It will be brought up during the March call in meeting for members to give their opinion.

I would like to attend the NYSAR Organic Summit on March 26th – 27th. I encourage any of the Commissioners to attend even though it will be a bit of a drive. One of my hopes is to learn more about home composting and then set up a couple different versions at the compost stations so interested people can visit. As such, I'd like permission for Annette to also attend since she is most often at the station and would be more likely to talk to people visiting. The cost for early registration (March 12th) is \$100 per person. The hotel is \$110 per night per room. Those attending would need to drive up Monday, so it would be for two nights.

The minutes of January 23, 2019 were approved by Bruce Hubert with corrections, seconded by Bob Evans; the motion passed.

It was reported that earlier in the month Beth attended a QuickBooks class in Hartford, it was worth every minute.

The financial reports were reviewed, Bob Evans asked if the payables report could include a column showing a memo for each item. Beth will see if this can be accomplished.

Bob Evans motioned to accept the finances and transfer 75K to the operating account, Bruce Hubert seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Unfinished Business was discussed as follows:

It was stated that each commissioner should have prepared for the next workshop on March 13 one item they would like to have included in the strategic plan.

There was brief discussion concerning the effectiveness and legality of our 2019 updated version of the District's Handbook. Bob Evans expressed the inadequacies were so many the Handbook could not be approved without serious alterations. Bob thinks the Handbook is too long and one sided. Tim asked Bob to bring his recommendations to Monthly Meeting on March 27, at which time the Commission will decide how to proceed.

Edits were made to the last LSWMP draft and sent out to the commission. **Sarah Malinowski made a motion that Beth forward the draft document with edits to Kim Gennaro at KGO for input. The goal being that the document be submitted to the DEC the first week of March, seconded by Bruce Hubert; the motion passed.**

The creation of an Ad Hoc committee was tabled until the workshop March 13.

Bob Evans will have recommendations for bank institutions by the end of this week.

There was discussion about Article 13 (Improvement District Laws) and FIWMD's election process. Beth will follow up with Attorney Bill Moore with questions; can others manage our election process, how can we have the process include as many voters as possible, who can run for commissioner, at what locations can the election be held?

The commission discussed their continued interest in working with the FI Conservancy and the Museum with regard to them taking over the maintenance of the Landfill. Pierce Rafferty, on behalf of the Ferguson H. Museum was present to discuss the same. There are several questions that require answers. Bob Evans will compile a list for Pierce. Pierce will coordinate with their attorney for answers.

Beth was asked to get a quote for an umbrella policy from Smith Insurance.

The Next Workshop is March 13 at 4:30 at the Community Center.

Sarah motioned that we continue the services of Smith Insurance (agent Nicolette White) to take care of our insurance needs and coverage for 2019. Bruce seconded, all were in favor.

It was noted that Sterling Superior would like us to consider a 3-5 year contract instead of renewing on an annual basis.

Bruce motioned that the District support participation at the NYSAR conference in Fairport, NY March 26-27 for up to 3 team members. Bob seconded, all were in favor.

Bob would like to see our budget as a more helpful tool used on a regular basis. He will present his ideas at the next Monthly Meeting on March 27.

The goal of benefiting from an Ad Hoc Committee has been moved to the DRAFT Strategic Plan which is on the agenda for the March 13 Workshop.

Under improved community relations. Tim will draft a letter (for full commission review) emphasizing our desire to communicate better with all Fishers Islanders. This letter will go to all members of an email list provided by John McGillian.

Folks will be notified that FIWMD will periodically send out notifications and Waste Management news via email. Folks will be asked to let FIWMD know if they would not like to receive notifications from Waste Management via email. It was suggested that we use a service like Mailchimp which makes unsubscribing very easy.

There was a long discussion concerning a weather closing policy. This was also discussed at the 2.25.19 workshop. The Commissioners feel policies are needed for 3 scenarios.

1: When weather makes it unsafe to operate a station or stations, but it is safe for team members to continue working on behalf of the district.

2: When weather makes it unsafe to operate a station or stations and it is safe for team members to continue working on behalf of the district, but weather on the water requires off-island team members to leave early.

3: When the weather is so bad that it is unsafe to be anywhere on the premises of FIWMD and/or too risky to stay on the premises because access home will be limited if team members stay.

Proposals for these scenarios will be considered at the March 13 workshop.

Museum Land Trust Proposal - There was lengthy discussion. Bob Evans spoke directly to Pierce Rafferty - who was in attendance on behalf of the Museum - to express the Commission's overall delight at the prospect of the Museum Land Trust lifting the burden of managing the Picket Landfill property off the shoulders of FIWMD. A few questions will be forthcoming from the Commission and when the Museum Land Trust has answered these to the satisfaction of the Commission, our attorney and perhaps NYSDEC we will be ready to proceed with all haste!

Under new business Bob suggested there might be a cheaper alternative to our expensive AT&T Long Distance service. Bob will talk with the phone company to see what their rates are.

At 6:14 the Commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss time cards and the draft minutes from the 2.25.19 workshop.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully submitted by,

Sarah Malinowski, Secretary