

FIWMD
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017 @ 5:00 PM
RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2017
AT FI COMMUNITY CENTER
MINUTES

Robert Goodwin, Treasurer
Sarah Malinowski, Secretary
Gregory Thibodeau
Tim Patterson
Bruce Hubert

Greg Thibodeau called FIWMD meeting to order at 5:00 pm. All commissioners were present.

Additions to the agenda : NYGOV Buy Seminar, DEC webinar, facility hours, SWANNA convention
Tim Patterson motioned to accept the minutes of March 6, 2017, Bruce Hubert seconded; the motion carried.

Manager Updates

Wayne reported the temperatures of compost pits and that moving the rows to aerate is time consuming. A large pile of old mixed rubbish was moved and distributed, employees have started cutting wood again and the sheer is being used. Wayne reported that the sheer has been a huge benefit to the facility.

He reported that the seal on the grinder had let go and he IS shopping for a new one.

Wayne provided a traffic report.

Discussion about a glass pulverizer ensued made by Compactors, Inc., Model GP 1500C. One of the commissioners want to know where the equipment is made and from where it would be shipped and what is the longevity of the machine. Greg said that more research was needed. The equipment pulverizes into two sizes: ½" and 3/8". The equipment needs to be stored indoor, used outside and operates on electricity. It could be used before the facility upgrades are complete. There are many uses for pulverized glass; it is feasible to use the glass for fill-in in areas that need it at the upcoming facility. Aluminum and plastic will be crushed when new the new facility is up and running; aluminum could be sold in the future. There was discussion about what procedures would need to change at the transfer station if the pulverizer is put in place. A separate container would be needed for glass to be placed/stored and where would the equipment be used? There was a suggestion that when/if FIWMD provides new recyclable containers that they be purchased in a square shape instead of round.

Financial reports were reviewed. Rob presented a spreadsheet with maturity dates of the CD's at Morgan Stanley.

Tim Patterson motioned to transfer forty thousand dollars to the operating account, Rob Goodwin seconded; the motion carried. Tim Patterson motioned to accept the payables to be paid, Bruce Hubert seconded; the motion carried. The commission reviewed new formats of financial reports that Rob suggested Beth try.

Unfinished Business was discussed: Sarah Malinowski read a blurb she wrote for the FogHorn, it and will be posted on FIWMD website.

"An Important Note from Waste Management (FIWMD)

E-Waste, or electronic waste, describes end-of-life electrical goods such as computers, televisions, printers, mobile phones, etc. According to recent EPA statistics, Americans get rid of 142,000 computers and over 416,000 mobile devices every day. 40% of these items are recycled, but the rest pile up and cause environmental damage by leaking lead, cadmium, mercury and other hazardous wastes.

FIWMD passes along the \$25 cost of discarding electronic waste to our customers. Extend the life of our planet by recycling your devices where you purchased them.

Start pay for employees should be taken off the agenda, the topic had already been discussed. But it was stated that FIWMD is committed to providing a living wage to its employees.

New Business is as follows: It was reported that a webinar is available to acquire updated information regarding new DEC regulations and Beth, Greg, perhaps Wayne will take part in it. Beth will forward the information to the rest of the commission. Everyone is invited to take part.

Beth will attend a NY Gov. Buy seminar in May for education on the purchase requirements from the State.

The hours at the facilities were reviewed. There was a compromise made that when appropriate or when the work schedule allows; occasionally the compost station will open for a few hours on Thursdays, or whatever is suitable to work around scheduled projects. The concern as discussed last month, is the safety for patrons while work is being done with heavy equipment.

The commissioners reviewed each of their self-evaluations. Consensus revealed that the commission believe that they need to work harder at effectively representing FIWMD to the community.

Note: In the interest of efficiency Beth and Rob will get together to rethink some of the information reported in the monthly financial reports.

There was a discussion about some of the employee hours.

Tim Patterson motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bruce Hubert seconded; the motion carried.

Minutes by Beth Stern