

**FIWMD
AUGUST 28, 2019 @ 5:00 PM
AT FI COMMUNITY CENTER
MINUTES**

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

FIWMD monthly meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm, all commissioners were present with the exception of Bruce Hubert.

Additions to the agenda DEC compost experts visit, book of resolutions

There were no updates from the manager as he is absent due to illness.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of July 24, 2019 were approved after corrections by Sarah Malinowski, seconded by Bob Evans; motion carried.

Dave Burnham motioned to transfer 65K from the investment account to the operating account, Sarah Malinowski seconded; the motion carried.

Bob Evans motioned to accept the finances, Dave Burnham seconded; the motion carried.

Unfinished Business was discussed as follows

Beth reported that the LSWMP was approved.

Sarah reported her conversations with William Moore, attorney, about FIWMD'S voting process.

FIWMD wants to include as many people as possible to vote and or hold office on FIWMD commission.

Currently FIWMD's election is in December, a time when seasonal eligible voters are not typically on the island. A date change would require an act of the legislature so it will not be attempted at this time.

The commission can hand over the "process" of election/s to another entity. There has been previous discussion of handing the process over to the Island Community Board. The commission is favorable to the idea. Sarah will have a resolution prepared for the next monthly meeting for the same.

Bruce was absent to report on the ad hoc committee.

There was a reminder that the 2020 Budget hearing is scheduled for September 4th at 5:00-5:00 pm.

New Business was discussed as follows

Within the next couple of months Beth will schedule a visit to Southold to visit Jim Bunchuck, the representative of Southold's waste management.

At the workshop of September 11th the commissioners will discuss the handbook, assessments and evaluataions.

Sarah, enthusiastically reported on the visit of DEC compost experts. Attached is a recap of the visit.

There was discussion of creating a book of resolutions of FIWMD. It was further discussed that the attendants, during down time create said book. They would start going through the minutes with the current year and work backward.

There were two draft 2020 budget worksheets presented, reviewed and discussed. Further discussions and a final worksheet will be prepared for the commission's special meeting September 3rd so that it is ready for public presentation September 4th.

The meeting was adjourned to executive session at 6:50 pm.

Executive session ended at 7:20 and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Beth Stern

August 28, 2019 NYSDEC visit recap

I want to thank Alan for setting up the visit with NYSDEC, Beth for making fliers, getting out a mass email and facilitating the trip and Annette for a comprehensive tour of our compost station. It was a huge disappointment that Alan was unable, due to illness, to participate in this visit and miss the opportunity to learn from these experts.

It was a privilege and huge learning experience to tour Sally, Molly and Nasibah around the island. (Their full names and short bios are attached).

We toured the island saw the 4 main composting sites on the island. Included was an in depth site visit with Clay Bunn, of Race Rock, concerning their composting operation and a site and trouble-shooting visit with Lighthouse Works composting operation. Annette showed our guests around FIWMD's composting operation.

At the public meeting on Tuesday August 2th Sally, Molly & Nasibah showed the public how they can reduce food waste and compost at home. They fielded a variety of questions.

Sally, Molly and Nasibah also spent an hour and ½ with the commissioners today. ½ of the meeting today was devoted to questions regarding CO2 emissions and compost. The rest of the meeting concerned identifying goals and tasks related to reducing the amount of organic material shipped off the island and reducing the amount of organic material shipped on to the island. Currently money is going to off island waste contractors and also to compost, mulch and topsoil producers. With education and planning, this money can be captured and kept on island. The

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Sally, Molly, and Nasibah will write up a synopsis of their visit with ideas on how to go forward from here.

Sally Rowland

Sally has worked for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for almost 33 years, in the Albany Office. She has spent her career working on the recycling of organic waste. Her responsibilities include regulations, funding, and technical assistance. Sally has a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Clarkson University and a Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Engineering from Rensselaer. She is a licensed professional engineer in New York State.

Molly Baker

Molly is an environmental engineer at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in Albany. She works in the Organics Reduction and Recycling section within the Division of Materials Management, focused on statewide organics diversion efforts and policies and assists with the permitting and regulation of organic waste facilities. In the past, Molly worked on local solid waste management planning and the state's waste tire abatement program. She has an environmental engineering degree from the University at Buffalo.

Nasibah Elmi

Nasibah works in the Organics Reduction and Recycling section within the Division of Materials Management, focusing on outreach and education programs for statewide organics diversion policies and initiatives. She works on household wasted food prevention, waste reduction, sustainable materials management planning, and composting programs. She has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MRP) from the University at Albany, SUNY, with a concentration in land-use and environmental planning.