

SWAC Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2021

In attendance -

Phil Harris, Phil LeBlanc, Jack Fritz, Stephanie Peters, Peter Blood, Patrick Miglio, John A. Kinnaird, Zach Fleagle, Rebecca Culler, Linda Coyle, Katherine Esposito, Deborah Moran

Meeting Started at 6:35 with quorum present

Introductions

Newly elected Chair Zach Fleagle opened the meeting and asked for self-introductions. Among attendees are new members Deborah Moran, business & industry, Katherine Esposito, civic organization, Linda Coyle, at large. Also attending is Rebecca Culler, Recycling Program Manager

Approval of Minutes – unanimous approval

Public participation

At the beginning and at various points throughout the meeting, Chairman Fleagle announced that tonight's meeting is broadcast live on Frederick County Boards and Commissions Facebook page and call-in instructions for public comment were provided. .

Department update

Rebecca Culler gave a presentation on the County's recycling program with emphasis on the costs associated with the curbside segment of the program. Ms. Moran asked if the County explored using multiple haulers for different territories around the county as a means to lower collection costs. Phil Harris explained that this has been looked at but thus far has not shown any significant benefit. Phil LeBlanc asked if any changes had been made to what the County recycling program accepts and the response was no. However, there is a concerted effort to remind everyone that shredded paper and plastic bags are not accepted.

The Christmas tree recycling program is up and running. One change for this season is the Middletown pick-up site was moved from Middletown Park to the Middletown Elementary School. This is a temporary change that will be revisited for next year's program.

Lake Linganore dredging project has shut down for the winter. This project is providing much needed future cover material for the landfill operation. Phil Harris will provide an estimate of future cover material needed and what percentage of that need will be met with the Lake Linganore dredge spoils.

2022 proposed budget development is in progress.

COVID 19 impact on landfill – staff is being rotated to minimize exposure potential. Mask wearing is required.

Old/New Business

None at this time.

Public Comment

No callers for public comment

Next meeting

Brief discussion on continuing with bi-monthly virtual meetings. Phil Harris feels that the virtual platform issues experienced earlier on have been successfully navigated and therefore monthly meetings may resume. With that, the next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 3, 2021 at 6:30 PM

Motion to adjourn, Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes submitted by Patrick Miglio