

APRIL 11, 2019

**REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEW HAVEN
SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY**

A regular meeting and public hearing of the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority (the “Authority”) was held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 5:30 P.M. in the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority’s Offices, 14 Trumbull Street, Suite 102, New Haven, CT 06511.

Board Members present: G. Antunes, R. Miller, W. Augustine
Others present: Pierre Barbour, Executive Director
Ken Vallera, All – American Waste
Shawn Brown, Secretary

Victor Fasano arrived @ 5:55 p.m. William Augustine had to leave at that time to attend another meeting.

- 1) Meeting called to order by Gerald Antunes at 5:30 P.M.
- 2) Minutes for January 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed by present Board members; no quorum to vote (tabled).
- 3) 2018 R & M Audit: Presented by Scott Bassett. Year ending 2018 accounting transactions are up to date and back to normal. Uniform consistency and net income increase. Operating revenue increased but expenses stayed the same. All requested data from the Authority was provided. Unrestricted net increased due to release of some restrictions. Debt increased. Barbour reminded all present that auditor must be appointed by June by Board.
- 4) Treasurer’s Report: Presented by P. Barbour. Treasurer’s Report has comparative data per Chair’s request.
- 5) Tonnage Report: Presented by P. Barbour. City tonnage down, commercial tonnage up over the prior month. Recycling reflects need for further education. The Authority is working with BOE on recycling process due to demands of students, families and teachers. Barriers were raised, however, regarding accessibility and finances. Graph and data summary presented covers 2014 – 2019 (to date).
- 6) Approval of Minimum Tonnage Agreement: Draft of Minimum Tonnage Agreement reviewed by Board members that were presented. Highlighted changes are a result of contractor violations that required citations and need to be address. Unable to complete approval vote; tabled for next meeting.
- 7) Approval of Change in User Fees: Consideration of approval for higher user fees is based on anticipated tonnage and expenses. Unfortunately, expenses outweigh an ability to collect revenue. Must look at trend of increase in commercial market to be favorable, potentially. In an effort to meet timely notification requirements, Board vote will be held by conference call, in accordance with ordinance.
- 8) Earth Day Activities – Textile Recycling Campaign: Banners promoting Earth Day celebration to extend transfer station hours on Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27, to make services available to New Haven Residents. Yale Daily News article and SeeClickFix notifications are part of the push to educate, inform and encourage residents. Promotion costs includes pamphlet distribution.
- 9) Single – Use Plastic Shopping Bags: Environmental Advisory Committee is promoting the usage ban for single use plastic (grocery) bags. Other cities like Hamden and Orange have jumped on; City of the New Haven wants to. Pros and cons include increased cost to produce and use paper bags, proposals to use reusable bags that will have \$1,000 initial cost.

- 10) Licensing Violations / Infractions: Haulers not consistently licensed to dispose of non-traditional MSW (i.e., shredded paper, etc). Nuisance fines issued for non-compliant dumping / disposal were sent by Robinson & Cole.
- 11) Site Cleanliness Plan: The same issuance of notices and infractions for failure to submit and / or follow site cleanliness plans and policies.
- 12) Communications – New Agenda Items: Refers to Chair’s request to add Communications to the agenda, to recognize and discuss items from the City that are brought to the Board.
- 13) Old Business: Wheeler Street Transfer Station moving forward in the approval process. The Authority needs guidance from Board members. Also must bring to attention of Alders in the area that use conflicts with residential vicinity.
- 14) New Business: None
- 15) Public Comments: None
- 16) Meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.