

MINUTES **APPROVED**
Solid Waste Working Group
Meeting Date: February 6, 2017
Date of Approval: February 16, 2017

Call to Order: A meeting of the Haines Borough Solid Waste Working Group was held in Assembly Chambers on Monday, February 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Melissa Aronson; Sally Garton; Jeremy Stephens; Margaret Friedenauer, Philip Reeves.

Members Not in Attendance: Darsie Culbeck, Diana Lapham, Reilly Kosinski

Others in Attendance: Brad Ryan (Interim Manager), Natalie Helms/CVN, Alekka Fullerton (Deputy Clerk), Abby Collins/KHNS, Carol Tuynman

Approval of Agenda: Absent objection, the Agenda is approved.

Approval of Minutes: Absent Objection, the January 16, 2017 Minutes are approved.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion:

- 16 Mile too much garbage (how much waste is there and how do we pick it up)
- Residents don't want to deal with their own solid waste.
- How long the landfill will last and what are its capabilities
- Mandatory participation as a utility? Cost? Will the cost go down if everyone participates?
- What are we planning for?
- 200-250,000 lbs of recycling per year by Haines Friends of Recycling
- Also 7 mile and 25 mile- illegal dumping, garbage point
- Transfer station every 10 miles out the highway
- Borough is looking at shipping out their trash; school spends \$30,000 a year to get rid of their garbage but these will all affect CWS and then the price will go up
- Issue an informal RFP for collection and disposal including different proposals, recycling, mandatory pick up, etc. RFP from the Borough? Permitting question. Not collecting from the community so we can ship out as a Borough.
- Only option today is CWS.
- Some of what we are doing is working fine, the problem is with the illegal dumping. Let's not try to solve problems that we don't have.
- Nuisance laws in the Code which deal with littering.
- We are not doing anything about enforcement of littering out the road.
- Solid Waste Management is a public health issue and it should be equally available to everyone. The burden should be on the Borough. Utility fee. Usually an enterprise fund.

- Safety concern- illegal dumping. Does mandatory pickup fix that?
- Mandatory collection- what happens with appliances, old mattresses, furniture
- CWS goes to the border
- RCA- can the Borough be a permit holder and subcontract to CWS? And HFR?
- Thinks an RFP is premature.
- Option for informal RFPs.
- Address lack of enforcement in code. Mostly citation violations.
- Add garbage to water and sewer utilities. But then needs to have some kind of incentive/reward system for people who compost/recycle.
- SE Consortium is another option.
- People will bring different scenarios to discuss.

Next Meeting: February 16, 2017 at 4:00 pm at the library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 pm.

By: Alekka Fullerton, Deputy Clerk