APRIL 8, 2015 WORKSHOP MEETING

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH TOWNS

APRIL 8, 2015

The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency held a Workshop Meeting concerning extension of the Solid Waste Management Agreements with Towns on April 8, 2015 at 999 Flatbush Road, Town of Ulster, NY.

The meeting was convened at 11:15 am.

The following Board members were present: Chairman Leon Smith, Treasurer Charles Landi, Member David Gordon and Member Dominic Tagliapietro. Vice Chairman Catherine Nilsen was absent.

Also present were: Executive Director Timothy Rose; Counsel/Secretary Kenneth Gilligan; Controller Tim DeGraff; Operations Manager Charlie Whittaker; Compliance Officer Tom Briggs and Administrative Assistant, Melinda France. Recycling Coordinator Michelle Bergkamp was excused.

From the public: Supervisor Paul Hansent from Town of Lloyd; Supervisor Joseph Croce from Town of Plattekill; Supervisor Jeanne Walsh from Town of Rosendale; Supervisor Michael Warren from Town of Marbletown; Supervisor Carl Chipman from Town of Rochester; Supervisor Jim Quigley, 3rd from Town of Ulster; Deputy Supervisor Terry Houck from Town of Wawarsing; Donald J. Quesnell from the UC Legislature’s Office, Chairman John Parete of the UC Legislature’s Office, Manna Jo Greene of the UC Legislature’s Office; Tim Stokes a resident of Olivebridge; Barbara Fornal of the Town of Rochester ECC; Jim Craven from the Town of Hurley and Victor Markowitz of the UCPB.

Leon Smith stated that this Workshop was to discuss a Resolution regarding seizing services to the Towns. He stated that there will be no vote at this meeting it is just for discussion.

THE BOARD AGREED TO OPEN IT UP TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENTS.

The following people spoke: Supervisor Jim Quigley, 3rd from Town of Ulster; Barbara Fornal of the Town of Rochester ECC; Supervisor Carl Chipman from Town of Rochester; Chairman John Parete of the UC Legislature’s Office; Supervisor Jeanne Walsh from Town of Rosendale; Supervisor Michael Warren from Town of Marbletown; Manna Jo Greene of the UC Legislature’s Office; Tim Stokes a resident of Olivebridge; and Jim Craven from the Town of Hurley. The main concerns/topics brought to the Board during discussion were:

- The Agency being Public Benefit company
- Closing Town Transfer Stations what effects it would have on the people and the Towns
- Flow Control, if the Agency stops servicing Towns the Towns want exemption from Flow Control
- Working together to come up with a solution
- Long term solution
- Comments made about siting a landfill or about not shipping the trash so far away
- Financial issues with increases
- Town Transfer Stations being underutilized
- Towns providing clean recycling verses haulers with single stream
- Private haulers costing more than the Agency servicing the Towns
- Contracts-signing and for how long
- Net service fee and the County providing some money for new equipment
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THE BOARD’S MAIN DISCUSSIONS/CONCERNS ARE:

- Financial issues
- If Towns sign or don’t sign contracts
- Cost of new equipment
- Cost of new equipment and what new equipment is needed
- Box rentals/pull charges
- Damages to the boxes
- Compliance issues
- Decisions have to made soon due to the Budget
- A solution with the Towns
- Working together

The Board passed out a 5 year Capital Plan with costs per Town. The Board discussed the Capital Plan schedule that was passed out.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

Leon Smith asked for Supervisor Carl Chipman who is the President of the UC Association of Town Supervisors and Mayors to meet with Ken Gilligan, Agency Counsel, and the Agency Board to come up with a plan.

MOTION to ADJOURN the April 8, 2015 Workshop at 12:41 pm was made by David Gordon and seconded by Dominic Tagliafierro.

AYES 4  
NAYS 0  
ABSENT 1  
(NILSEN)

The above transcribed Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Workshop Meeting were moved by Charles Landi and seconded by Catherine Nilsen. 5 in favor, none opposed. The Minutes were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED by the Board.

Date: April 22, 2015

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WHOLE DISCUSSION AT THIS WORKSHOP MEETING IS AVAILABLE ON CD PER REQUEST.