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SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**  
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Christopher P. St. Lawrence  
Chairman

Anna Roppolo  
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<u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Others</u>
C. St. Lawrence	J. Monaghan	A. Stewart	K. Braunfotel	S. Cairo
M. Grant (arrived 5:11)	P. Moroney	A. Wieder	J. Burnet	J. Heath
L. Hofstein	J. Noto		N. Gelok	T. Pytlar
G. Hoehmann	A. Paul		S. Haggerty	T. West
D. Jobson (arrived 5:15)	I. Schoenberger		D. Louis	
M. Kohut	W. Sherwood (arrived 5:18)		D. O'Donnell	
L. Lynn	P. Soskin		A. Roppolo	
H. Phillips			D. Samuels	
			K. Scales	
			J. Sheridan	
			L. Stevenson	

1. The Chairman called to order the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Director's meeting for Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 5:08 p.m.

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2. Roll call by Clerk. There is a quorum.

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3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mayor Kohut

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4. Introduced by: Phillips/Monaghan                      Unan.                      February 25, 2016

**Resolution No. 5 of 2016  
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF  
JANUARY 28, 2016**

**RESOLVED**, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting January 28, 2016, as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

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### 5.a. Executive Director's Report

**Roppolo:** We met with our MRF operator to discuss the changing composition of items included in the recycling bin. Our education and outreach efforts have traditionally been focused on a minimal descriptive terms in order to make recycling easy. The advent of different types of plastics have made chasing arrow symbols and numbers an unsuitable way of determining whether a plastic container can be recycled and was never intended to be used a sole means of identifying recyclable versus non-recyclable plastics. In addition, New York State legislation has shifted where some plastics are preferred to be recycled. For example, most of you know that plastic bag recycling repositories are required to be set out at certain businesses such as grocery stores and large retailers. What many people do not know is that the repositories are not exclusively just for plastic bags. They should also capture film packaging such as dry cleaning bags, pallet wrap, case wrap, newspaper bags, napkin and paper towel wrap, and bread bags. Picture based efforts would minimize the need for translated material to the many languages and dialects spoken here in the County. For these reasons we are working on a flyer that will be picture based rather than word based and we will be coordinating the pictures with our "where to recycle this" app.

**Phillips:** A question has been asked quite frequently by some of my residents. Garbage cans that crack, would the residents throw the garbage can out with their garbage or put it out with their recyclables.

**Scales:** We would have to research to see if it is a plastic that we could accept as a recyclable. I know the recycling bins are accepted as a recyclable.

**Roppolo:** In regard to commodity pricing, plastics value has continued to decrease as a result of the food prices falling. The industries claim the market will not be returning anytime soon due to cheap prices on conversion resin PET and a huge over supply of the material globally. Fiber markets remain steady and the Authority receives a higher rate for it's fiber due to the fact that we are a dual stream MRF and there is no contamination in the fiber line. Single stream MRF's have had significant decline in commodity pricing due to contamination. I will keep you posted because I think it is going to be important for us in regard to our budget revenue.

**St. Lawrence:** Do we still have the commodity pricing floors?

**Roppolo:** Yes we do.

**St. Lawrence:** Have any of the prices dropped below the floors we have set?

**Roppolo:** No, they have not gone below the floors. We budgeted conservatively, so we will be all right.

We have been receiving numerous questions regarding food composting. As a point of information, we have an aerated static pile pilot program permitted to take 800 cubic yards per day. We also have a permit renewal pending that is requesting our co-composting permit feed stock to include up to 20 tons per week of food waste. We have had inquiries from the following generators regarding pilot programs-Clarkstown Central School District, the Village of Scarsdale, a local day camp for the summer of 2016, and a hauler transporting from a local grocery store. All these pilot programs must be coordinated with the generator, the hauler and the Authority. I would like to thank Kerri Scales and Jerry Damiani for their involvement with coordination and handling the initial wave of questions.

We have received several proposals responding to the Authority's Household Hazardous Waste RFP. The Authority staff and consultants are reviewing the proposals and will present our recommendations to the Board for consideration at the April meeting.

As a reminder there is an audit committee meeting on March 16, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Authority's conference center. The audited financial statements will be presented to the Board at the March 31, 2016 meeting. As a reminder, the originally scheduled March 17, 2016 meeting date was changed to March 31, 2016. The Board is required to formally adopt the financials by April 1, 2016 as required by the Public Authorities Office.

As a reminder to new Authority Board members, please make sure you attend the Board member training session as required by the Public Authorities Office in compliance with the Public Authorities Act. There is a session scheduled for March. If you have any questions regarding the training or scheduling please call Suzanne Haggerty.

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#### **5.b. D&B Engineer's Report**

**Pytlar:** Work for the Authority this month revolved around the Materials Recovery Facility and the failed revenue testing findings last month. We met with the operator today and they proposed a few things to improve the quality of material being recovered and reduce the lost revenue. One action was to check to see if any of the haulers were bringing in contaminated loads. Another action was to make some adjustments to the over-head sorting equipment in order to get better sort process so they could more efficiently pull materials out of the stream. Another was to rearrange the sorting order so that the PET bottles instead of being sorted by the staff, the material that is not recyclable would be pulled out by the staff. The operator will be trying out those improvements. They were prepared to undertake repairs to the baler when the contractor backed out on them because they were not comfortable with the work and the requirement for a warranty on their work.

**Phillips:** In your progress report you mentioned you did maintenance garage work. What exactly did you do on this project?

**Pytlar:** Reviewed the maintenance garage proposals.

**Roppolo:** They are proposals that were received and are being reviewed.

**Phillips:** Can you give us a preview on the anticipated cost now?

**Roppolo:** No, they are proposals.

**Phillips:** Can you review the amount of work we are doing there?

**Braunfotel:** These are proposals that require negotiations.

**Phillips:** Can you just remind me of what we are building?

**Roppolo:** It's a 7,000 square foot building.

**Phillips:** A 7,000 square foot building that is going to house what?

**Roppolo:** The administrative offices and maintenance garage.

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6. Introduced by: Phillips/Jobson

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February 25, 2016

**RESOLUTION No. 6 of 2016  
AUTHORIZING THE AUTHORITY TO SUPPORT THE KEEP ROCKLAND BEAUTIFUL  
"GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP"**

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has received a request from Keep Rockland Beautiful, Inc. ("KRB") to support the "Great American Clean Up" taking place in Spring 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, KRB has proposed to recognize the Authority's support in the following ways: the Authority logo will be displayed on the back of t-shirts given to volunteers; the Authority logo will be placed on banners for volunteer recruitment; listing the Authority on the KRB website and all social media outlets, including but not limited to email blasts, FaceBook and Twitter; the KRB website will include a link to the Authority's website; the Authority will be listed as a partner in all events and presentations related to the Spring 2016 cleanup; and the Authority's brochures and literature will be included in volunteer packets; and

**WHEREAS**, KRB cleanup crews will bag recyclables separately to be delivered to the Authority's Materials Recovery Facility; and

**WHEREAS**, within sixty days following the event, will provide the Authority with a report on the number of bags of waste and recycling collected as a result of the cleanup; and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority desires to again be a supporter of the event in an amount not to exceed \$2,500; and

**WHEREAS**, the above terms will be memorialized in a letter agreement between the Authority and KRB; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority will support the Keep Rockland Beautiful "Great American Clean Up" taking place in spring 2016.

Source of Funds: Advertising Account 6400-00

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7. Introduced By: Hoehmann/Kohut Unan. February 25, 2016

**Resolution No. 7 of 2016  
AUTHORIZING  
THE ROCKLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY  
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND, ACTING ON BEHALF  
OF THE YOUTH BUREAU/ROCKLAND CONSERVATION & SERVICE CORPS FOR  
SUMMER MEMBER PROGRAM SERVICES**

**WHEREAS**, one of the programs through which the Rockland County Youth Bureau coordinates community service is through Rockland Conservation & Service Corps (RC&SC), the federally created program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Services; and

**WHEREAS**, RC&SC members participate in a service-oriented, educational and environmentally beneficial program of community service to improve life in Rockland County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has proposed to provide the services of these RC&SC members to the Authority during the summer season 2016, to provide environmental education and outreach and work related to the implementation of the Authority's Solid Waste Management Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has been greatly benefitted by the services of RC&SC members in previous summers, most recently during the summer season 2015, and again needs their assistance with community education programs relative to recycling, composting, hazardous waste disposal, sustainability, and in various other projects described in the attached summary; and

**WHEREAS**, RC&SC members would receive a minimal stipend while participating in the program, to be funded in part by the Authority; and now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Authority has determined to enter into an agreement with the County of Rockland, acting on behalf of the Youth Bureau/ RC&SC, for the provision of up to three RC&SC members' services through August 31, 2016; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute an agreement in a form approved by General Counsel, to provide for the services of not more than three (3) RC&SC members, for a program total not to exceed 250 service hours for each member, at a cost not to exceed \$4,800.

Funding Source: 6507-00 Citizens Education Composting & Recycling

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**8. New Business**

**Nota:** On the budget to actual variance memo included in the packet, is there a way a variance comment can be added to any line with a significant variance? So if there is a large variance, as to why there is that variance.

**St. Lawrence:** We could have a footnote that could describe why there is a positive or negative variance. Are there any other comments or questions? Do we have a motion to adjourn?

**Grant:** Moved

**Sherwood:** Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Suzanne Haggerty