



**ROCKLAND COUNTY
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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Chairman

Anna Roppolo
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Present

Chairman Phillips
Commissioner Day
Commissioner Grant
Commissioner Hoehmann
Commissioner Hofstein
Commissioner Jobson
Commissioner Kohut
Commissioner Lynn
Commissioner Monaghan
Commissioner Paul
Commissioner Powers
Commissioner Schoenberger
Commissioner Soskin
Commissioner Specht

Absent

Commissioner McGowen
Commissioner Moroney
Commissioner Wieder

Staff

K. Braunfotel
J. Damiani
J. Goldstein
S. Haggerty
D Louis
D. O'Donnell
A. Roppolo
D. Samuels

Others

L. Apotheker
T. Pytlar
S. Torres
T. West

The Chairman called to order the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority Board of Directors meeting for Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 5:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Monaghan

Roll call by Clerk. There is a quorum.

Executive Director's Report

Roppolo: On February 2nd, the Authority oversaw the quarterly residue test at the MRF for fiber processing. This weekend the residue test for the commingled processing will be held. I would like to thank Dee Louis for overseeing both tests. After the test is completed, the Authority calculates residue based on contractual requirements. We also use the test to determine if we need to increase or make changes in our education efforts based on what we view in the recycling bin. For example, over one year ago, we had increased educational efforts with regard to the plastic bags in the recycling bin based on a quarterly residue test. While plastic bags are recyclable, we found that many residents did not know that they should be taken back to retail stores rather than put in the bin. Our education efforts included working with the haulers utilizing stickers, videos on our website illustrating how the plastic bags obstruct our processing of recyclables at the MRF, including plastic bags facts in many articles and

publications of the Authority and reiterating the proper disposal of plastic bags on tours. To date, our efforts have decreased contamination of plastic bags in containers by 50%.

Please make sure you have received information regarding required board training, login and password information for monthly agendas and Authority Budget Office information. If you have any questions, please speak to Debbie Samuels.

In addition, for those of you who would like to schedule a tour of our facilities please let me know your availability. Tours are usually 2 to 2 ½ hours and we visit all the Authority facilities.

The 2018 Authority Household Hazardous Waste and shredding events brochures are in the mail. The first weekend collection event is scheduled for Saturday, March 10th. As a reminder, the paper-shredding event dates are selected by each town, but any resident can attend any shredding event.

For your consideration on tonight's agenda is a resolution to sponsor Keep Rockland Beautiful clean up events. The Authority has worked with Sonia Cairo and KRB on these events. Keep Rockland Beautiful gives the Authority data on litter collected and recyclables versus trash and segregation of household hazardous waste.

In addition, on tonight's agenda for your consideration is the annual Rockland Conservation & Service Corp. agreement. We would like to host two summer interns this summer. In prior years, some of the work performed by the interns were door-hanger programs in each town, native plants garden brochure, dissemination of our medication take back events at the Household Hazardous Waste facility, and mini videos on Authority facilities. If you have specific areas in your town that you would like us to include in the door hanger program, please let me know.

On March 28th, I have been invited to speak at the 2018 New York State Organics Summit in Poughkeepsie. NYSDEC awarded funding to support food donation and organics recycling projects across the State. They are very interested in our project and are very interested in the ability to replicate it throughout the State. I have been asked to participate in a panel discussion on the second day of the two-day event as part of the session titled Financial Incentives for Reduction, Donation and Recycling. I will be discussing the Authority's Food rescue grant, the description of the project, current status challenges of implementation and how this project diverts organics.

The history of the grant application and award for those new to the Board. On May 13, 2015, in conjunction with Rockland County Legislator Alden Wolfe, the Authority hosted the first meeting for the Rockland Food Recovery Initiative at Rockland Community College. We discussed how to maximize Rockland's impact on the Food Recovery Hierarchy. EPA's Food Recovery Hierarchy prioritizes actions organizations can take to prevent and divert wasted food. Reducing the amount of wasted food has significant economic, social and environmental benefits. The forum brought together representatives from food generators, food rescue agencies, waste managers and others that may benefit from a food recovery program. The goal was to get a sense of what is already being done, current challenges and to identify what we can do moving forward.

The Authority's Solid Waste Management Plan reflects the Authority's commitment to research end use options for food waste. In researching end use options, it is incumbent on the Authority to first determine

what can be done to rescue food. End use options for food waste can be costly and is on the lower end of the EPA food hierarchy “rung”. But enhancing food pantries/food rescue agencies infrastructure from additional shelving to additional walk-in freezers to refrigerated trucks will be less costly and divert food to those in the community who would benefit most.

After the meeting, the Authority met with several food pantries and a consortium representing 40+ food pantries in the County, and asked that a profile be completed for consideration in inclusion for a coordinated grant-funding request.

Requests were made and the Authority submitted a pre-application to the NYSDEC in December 2015. On June 30, 2017, the Authority received the authorization for award for the grant and I have been working with the organizations to order items they requested. Most of the shelving and smaller refrigeration has been received by the organizations that participated. Large freezers are currently being installed and refrigerated vans and vans have been ordered.

Jackie Dodrill and Debra Samuels have been working on our new website and it is anticipated to be launched the first week in March. Debbie will be sending out an e-mail when we launch that will explain the new log in procedures for the monthly packet. Please let us know if you have any suggestions when you review the new website. Thank you.

Phillips: For the tour of the Authority, when is that going to be?

Roppolo: We sent out potential dates, but no one was able to make those dates. If anyone would like to go on a tour, just let us know and we will work around his or her schedule.

Phillips: Can we see a show of hands of who would like to go on a tour.

Hofstein: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are not good for me.

Phillips: The best time to see the facilities are when they are operating and what time do operations close down?

Roppolo: Operations close down at 4 p.m.

Phillips: We can meet at 8 a.m. and it looks like by a show of hands, there are about ten people.

Roppolo: We would have to see about the education center because I don't know if there is a tour booked.

Phillips: That is okay. If someone would like to see the education center, they can go back to the facility at a different time. How about we have the tour on Monday, March 26th? Anna where should we meet.

Roppolo: We will start at Clarkstown and then go to the other facilities. Can we get a bus?

Phillips: We are set for March 26th at 8:00 a.m. at the Clarkstown Transfer Station. If it needs to be set as a meeting, the Board will meet to review the transfer stations.

Introduced by: Kohut/Grant

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February 22, 2018

**RESOLUTION NO. 8 OF 2018
ADOPTION OF MINUTES, MEETING OF
DECEMBER 14, 2017 AND JANUARY 25, 2018**

RESOLVED, that the transcribed Minutes of the Rockland County Solid Waste Management Authority are approved for the meeting December 14, 2017 and January 25, 2018, as recorded by the Clerk and are hereby adopted.

Introduced by: Hoehmann/Paul

Unan.

February 22, 2018

**RESOLUTION No. 9 of 2018
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 2018; 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 2018 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, in the past, the Authority has been a supporter of the event in the amount of \$2,500; and

WHEREAS, the Authority wishes to be a supporter of the 2018 event; 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 the spring 2018 for an amount of \$2,500.

Source of Funds: Advertising Account 6400-00

Introduced By: Grant/Day

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February 22, 2018

Resolution No. 10 of 2018

**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 2018, 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 2017, 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, 2018; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute an agreement in a form

Day: I did want to bring up the position we terminated at the last meeting that had been vacant for a year or so.

Phillips: We should explain that. Even though we did terminate that employee that was out for so long, we actually filled another position because of the need during the course of the year. Anna, what was the title of the position?

Roppolo: It was a Laborer's position. Because the employee was not here, but still in that position we had to establish a new laborer's position.

Phillips: So we are not going to fill this position.

Day: Do we have to eliminate it?

Phillips: What we will do is eliminate the position a little later with County Personnel. We will give it a little time between termination just to make sure, if there is a need.

Roppolo: We will probably not be filling the position with that title. However, there is another need for another title. We need scale house personnel.

Phillips: Is there any other new business? Since there is no other new business and no public comment being offered, do we have a motion to adjourn?

Schoenberger: Moved

Hoehmann: Seconded

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne Haggerty