

Board of Health  
Meeting Minutes  
May 15, 1990

Present: Ellen Foberg, George Riggan, Marion Boggs,  
Melissa Quinn

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 P.M.

Mrs. Foberg reported that she had talked to Harold Gold, (Department of Food and Agriculture) regarding herbicide spraying of right-of-ways in the Town of Rowe. It was voted to approve the spraying plans presented by New England Power Company, noting that one well (Arthur Anthony, Potter Road) is within 100 feet of the right-of-way.

Mrs. Foberg reported that the following percolation tests scheduled:

May 18	1:00 P.M.	Simpson (Zoar Road)
22	11:30 A.M.	Younk (Dell Road)
24	11:00 A.M.	Sibley (Hazelton Road)
25	8:30 A.M.	Rowe School (Pond Road)
25	10:00 A.M.	Swenson (Zoar Road)
25	1:00 P.M.	Rowe Camp (Kings Highway)
29	8:30 A.M.	Sittinger (Ford Hill Road)
29	10:00 A.M.	Bates (Cross Road)

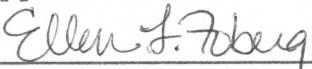
A letter was received from New England Power Company regarding use of ABC rubble (Asphalt, Brick and Concrete), as a substitute for conventional materials in a grading project off Monroe Hill Road in Rowe. The rubble, obtained from the old bleach plant formerly used by Deerfield Glassine is to be used in restoration of a borrow pit.

A letter was received from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the MRF, (Municipal Recycling Facility in Springfield. (see attached)

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa S. Quinn, Clerk

Approved:

  
Ellen L. Foberg, Chairman

  
George A. Riggan

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Marion W. Boggs



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DANIEL S. GREENBAUM  
Commissioner

JOHN J. HIGGINS  
Regional Director

May 7, 1990

Dear MRF Community and Associated Haulers:

To date, participating MRF communities have delivered 10,000 tons of recyclable materials for processing at the MRF. Cooperation from haulers has, for the most part, been outstanding. Unfortunately, we have recently received reports and found evidence that a few haulers are improperly delivering large amounts of commercially generated material and materials from nonparticipating communities to the MRF.

The MRF program is intended primarily to handle recyclables from the residential waste stream. The total amount of recyclables from the residential waste stream in Western Massachusetts communities is likely to exceed the 240 ton per day capacity at the MRF. Currently, the only parties allowed to tip at the MRF are the 85 communities "Designated" by written agreements with the state. Thirteen other communities are on a waiting list and they will be allowed to tip at the MRF only if we determine that additional recyclables are needed to reach the 240 ton per day limit. No commercial material is permitted except the relatively small amounts from businesses that are ordinarily provided with public trash pick-up or disposal services by the community in which it is located.

Designated Communities are not charged a tipping fee. Since the revenues from the sale of recyclable materials do not currently match the cost of processing those materials, the state has committed to provide an operating subsidy to the facility operator for every ton tipped at the facility. A private or municipal hauler tipping material at the MRF from sources other than a "Designated Community" is, in effect, stealing services from the state, and is using capacity that is intended to serve waiting list communities.


This practice, if it continues, will have a significantly detrimental impact on our program. To guard against unauthorized tipping at the MRF we are instituting the following program:

1. Loads will be randomly inspected on a daily basis to determine if they contain materials from sources other than the Designated Community which has contracted for services with that hauler.
2. Weigh records will be examined to determine if a hauler is tipping recyclables in amounts which significantly deviate from per capita generation rates in the other communities.
3. DEP enforcement personnel will periodically follow haulers to determine that their pick-ups for MRF delivery are limited to appropriate materials from Designated Communities.

In the event that DEP has reason to believe or evidence that a hauler is bringing in recyclables from non-designated sources, DEP will take appropriate actions which may include barring the hauler from the facility, civil actions seeking damages, or criminal prosecution. In addition, communities are reminded that it is their obligation to properly monitor their drop off sites and their haulers to ensure that they are not delivering materials from unauthorized sources. If a community's hauler is found to be bringing "contraband recyclables" to the MRF and is banned from delivering to the MRF, the community, although an innocent party, may end up having to pay additional costs which result from retaining a new hauler.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, or any information concerning hauling practices, please contact Steve Ellis at (413) 784-1100.

Sincerely,

  
John Higgins  
Regional Director

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