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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2009
TO: Recycling Committee
FROM: Kevin Roche, General Manager
SUBJECT: *November 5, 2009 Meeting Agenda*

There is a meeting of the Recycling Committee scheduled for Thursday, November 5, at 4:00 p.m. at **ecomaine**.

AGENDA:

1. Review and approval of the 10/01/09 meeting minutes (**Attachment A**)
2. Recap of Landfill Open House (**Attachment B**)
3. Continued Discussion of CFL "best practices" & Collection Issues
4. 2008/2009 Recycling Budget Review
5. Appointment of eco-Excellence Selection Committee Members
6. Recycling Updates:
 - Discussion of current market conditions
 - Tonnage and marketing reports
 - Revenue and Expense Report (**Attachments C1 & C2**)
7. Other

Next Recycling Committee Meeting Date: December 3, 2009 @ 4:00PM

cc: Board of Directors

**ecomaine
Recycling Committee Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2009**

Committee Members present: Dick Brobst, Troy Moon, John Miller, Sarah Wojcoski, Travis Wagner, Penny Jordan, and Dennis Doughty

ecomaine Staff present: Missi Labbe, Shelley Dunn and Kevin Roche

Agenda Items

1. Review of 9/10/09 meeting minutes

Mr. Miller pointed out that the wrong dates for the minutes were listed in the header of the minutes presented. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Brobst and seconded by Mr. Doughty. The minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Landfill Open House

Ms. Dunn provided a landfill tour handout titled "The Science Behind Your Landfill" and overview of plans for the landfill open house scheduled for October 10th from 10:30am to 1:00pm. There will be tours, food, and a radio broadcast by The Coast 93.1 radio station.

3. Recap of Idea Exchange

Ms. Dunn reviewed the Idea Exchange and some of the positive feedback received as a result of the event. The exchange was attended by approximately 75 people from 17 communities. Mr. Doughty commented that he enjoyed the event and felt everyone did a good job keeping everything on time.

4. Consideration of CFL "Best Practices" & Collection Issues

Upon the completion of Mr. Wagner's CFL survey results, the Recycling Committee continued its ongoing discussion of the CFL recycling issue. A suggestion was made that the Committee should write a letter to the PUC and Efficiency Maine to voice concerns regarding the limitation to the current CFL recycling program. Mr. Roche suggested that the Director of Efficiency Maine might be invited to attend the December meeting of the Recycling Committee to further discuss concerns and **ecomaine's** goal to allow additional CFL recycling to include various other locations not limited to just stores. Additionally, Mr. Roche suggested inviting the DEP to attend a Recycling Committee meeting to talk with the Committee about how we can reduce mercury in products. The committee asked staff to provide a list of stores in the **ecomaine** area that accepts CFL's for recycling to be handed out at the next meeting.

5. Recycling Updates

Current Market Conditions

Mr. Roche updated the committee on the current condition of the recycling commodities markets and material movement. The committee also reviewed the fiscal year 2008/2009 year end tonnage and revenue report.

Tonnage and Marketing Reports

Recycling tonnage in September was 2719 tons, which was lower than last year's tonnage of 2868 in September, 2008.

6. Other

Mr. Moon informed the committee that Senator Alford had sent him a letter congratulating him on the **ecomaine** success in hitting the 30,000 mark in recycling for the previous fiscal year. Mr. Roche stated he had also received a letter.

Mr. Wagner asked if it was feasible to heat the recycling facility with waste steam should the steam project with UNUM move forward. Mr. Roche gave an update on the feasibility study underway with UNUM and indicated that this option may be considered should the project move forward.

The meeting adjourned at 5:22 pm

**The next meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 4:00pm at
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Summary: Landfill Open House

"The Science behind Your Landfill"

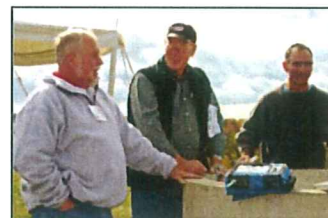
Saturday, October 10, 2009 10:30-1:00



Attendance: Steady flow all day, estimated at 200 people

Advance Publicity:

- ▶ Paid radio advertising (part of remote broadcast package)
- ▶ Calendar listings in newspapers and on-line newsletters
- ▶ Feature news article (PPH, Waterville Sentinel, Lewiston SJ)
- ▶ E-mail flyers to middle and high school science teachers and social studies teachers, Boy Scouts, Sierra Club, Appalachian Mountain Club, NRCM, Audubon, town clerks, public works directors, community TV, town committees, eco-Excellence Award winners, etc.



Exhibits & Activities:

- ▶ Tours of the landfill were very popular; there were always people waiting for a turn despite using 2 vans and 1 golf cart; comments following the tour indicated that it was very educational and surprising, as well as enjoyable; tour drivers reported that there had been many questions and a high level of interest; a tour summary was given to each adult
- ▶ Gas readings using handheld equipment
- ▶ Water pH readings (hands-on) using samples of leachate & water
- ▶ Live remote radio broadcast with free promotional items from the station (music CDs) and from ecomaine (20 T-shirts, 80 Frisbees, pens, recycling magnets, recycling bins, 10 biodiesel debate CDs)
- ▶ Land surveying demonstration: interested audience, but could not staff continuously
- ▶ Composting demonstration by Master Composter Phil Hildebrandt of the Town of Yarmouth
- ▶ Several aerial maps showing the landfill location were of interest
- ▶ Enlarged photos of landfill wildlife and scenery
- ▶ Visual representation of the 90% reduction in volume when trash is burned (10 filled garbage bags vs. 1 garbage bag)
- ▶ Model plane club fly-overs
- ▶ Toy garbage truck races were popular with children, as were the Frisbees and balloons
- ▶ Four pieces of work trucks and other equipment were displayed for children to sit in
- ▶ ecomaine literature about all three facilities
- ▶ 13 attendees filled out a form requesting notification of future events
- ▶ Hotdogs, popcorn, drinks



Result:

People were surprised and very impressed at the landfill location, lack of odor, large acreage, and the science of a modern landfill below the surface. Many people seemed excited about their discoveries and were looking forward to telling others.



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Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the month ended September 30, 2009

	Actual	September Budget	Variance
Operating revenues			
Municipal assessments	\$389,167.06	\$389,887.82	(\$720.76)
Owners tipping fees	406,032.07	374,814.00	31,218.07
Associate tipping fees	72,065.05	69,137.08	2,927.97
Commercial tipping fees	435,393.79	377,967.33	57,426.46
Spot market tipping fees	306,567.49	196,338.58	110,228.91
Electrical generating revenues	555,760.82	513,025.00	42,735.82
Sales of recycled goods	200,629.33	83,333.33	117,296.00
Recycling tipping fees	3,128.55	8,333.33	(5,204.78)
Gorham property assessments	9,166.67	9,166.67	0.00
Other operating income	11,614.34	27,083.34	(15,469.00)
Total operating revenues	<u>2,389,525.17</u>	<u>2,049,086.48</u>	<u>340,438.69</u>
Operating expenses			
Administrative expenses	203,766.91	202,769.24	997.67
Waste-to-energy operating expenses	584,179.78	589,887.95	(5,708.17)
Recycling operating expenses	114,000.33	127,098.49	(13,098.16)
Landfill/ashfill operating expenses	149,342.35	145,406.47	3,935.88
Contingency	0.00	31,250.00	(31,250.00)
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depreciation & amortization	450,000.00	450,000.00	0.00
Total operating expenses	<u>1,501,289.37</u>	<u>1,546,412.15</u>	<u>(45,122.78)</u>
Net operating income	<u>888,235.80</u>	<u>502,674.33</u>	<u>385,561.47</u>
Non-operating income (expense)			
Interest income	5,640.26	16,041.67	(10,401.41)
Interest expense	(87,018.11)	(128,741.66)	41,723.55
Net non-operating	<u>(81,377.85)</u>	<u>(112,699.99)</u>	<u>31,322.14</u>
Total revenue less expenses	<u><u>806,857.95</u></u>	<u><u>389,974.34</u></u>	<u><u>416,883.61</u></u>

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Statement of Revenue and Expenses
For the Three Months Ending September 30, 2009

	Actual	YTD Budget	Variance
Operating revenues			
Municipal assessments	\$1,169,988.37	\$1,169,663.46	\$324.91
Owner's tipping fees	1,261,282.61	1,124,442.00	136,840.61
Associate tipping fees	238,863.02	207,411.24	31,451.78
Commercial tipping fees	1,395,696.02	1,133,901.99	261,794.03
Spot market tipping fees	897,973.29	589,015.74	308,957.55
Electrical generating revenues	1,805,668.73	1,651,004.00	154,664.73
Sales of recycled goods	530,490.68	249,999.99	280,490.69
Recycling tipping fees	14,988.94	24,999.99	(10,011.05)
Gorham property assessments	27,501.01	27,500.01	1.00
Other operating income	37,717.18	81,250.02	(43,532.84)
Total operating revenues	<u>7,380,169.85</u>	<u>6,259,188.44</u>	<u>1,120,981.41</u>
Operating expenses			
Administrative expenses	578,389.44	608,307.72	(29,918.28)
Waste-to-energy operating expenses	1,678,601.59	2,015,466.15	(336,864.56)
Recycling operating expenses	319,020.77	381,295.47	(62,274.70)
Landfill/ashfill operating expenses	419,712.52	392,864.95	26,847.57
Contingency	0.00	93,750.00	(93,750.00)
Landfill closure and postclosure care costs	0.00	0.00	0.00
Depreciation & amortization	1,350,000.00	1,350,000.00	0.00
Total operating expenses	<u>4,345,724.32</u>	<u>4,841,684.29</u>	<u>(495,959.97)</u>
Net operating income	<u>3,034,445.53</u>	<u>1,417,504.15</u>	<u>1,616,941.38</u>
Non-operating income (expense)			
Interest income	16,628.91	48,125.01	(31,496.10)
Interest expense	(270,425.22)	(386,224.98)	115,799.76
Net non-operating	<u>(253,796.31)</u>	<u>(338,099.97)</u>	<u>84,303.66</u>
Total revenue less expenses	<u><u>2,780,649.22</u></u>	<u><u>1,079,404.18</u></u>	<u><u>1,701,245.04</u></u>