

Member/Operation Marketing Meeting
November 7, 2018
NRRRA Office, 2101 Dover Road, Epsom, NH

Notes

In Attendance: William Coughlin, Salisbury, NH; Joan Cudworth, Hollis, NH; Andrew Shaheen, Carroll, NH; John Warren, Carroll, NH; Greg Hogan, Carroll, NH; Scott Sonia, Carroll, NH; Jerome Spooner, Bedford, NH; Steve Doumas, Merrimack, NH; Toby Van Aiken, Lee, NH; Randy Stevens, Lee, NH; Gary Brown, Lee, NH; Roger Rice, Dunbarton, NH; David Hartman, Warner, NH; Brian Patnoe, Littleton, NH; Mark Richardson, Hampton, NH; Barry Weeks, Meredith, NH; Dale Sargent, Meredith, NH; Jim Tessier, Elliot, ME; Lisa Stevens, BCEP; Sally Hyland, Nashua, NH

NRRRA: Mike Durfor, Bonnie Bethune, and Stacey Morrison

Joan Cudworth called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

- I. **Introductions-** Group introductions were made.
- II. **Approval of Previous Meeting Notes** – Roger Rice made a motion to accept the notes from the September 12, 2018 meeting as written. Steve Doumas seconded the motion to approve the notes and the motion was passed unanimously.
- III. **Market Update-** Stacey presented the brief market update. Not many changes to report this month. She explained that the Fiber Market has only a very small change this month in that in *some markets* there has been a very slight increase in BALED Mixed Paper Pricing from \$0/ton to \$2.00/ton. Though this is the first glimmer of hope in the fiber market in the past year, Members were warned that this may not be the norm. Baled SOP pricing actually went DOWN \$5.00 this month. All other Fiber pricing remained unchanged. Plastics Pricing remained stable and unchanged for this month. Mike and Bonnie reminded the updated specs for all plastics loads going to TABB/Cleantech and reminded members that TABB will **not** accept bales with headers on them. After taking a \$20/ton dip in early September, Scrap Metal remains stable at this time as is pricing for both Steel and Aluminum Cans.
- IV. **Plastic Specs Update** – Bonnie credited recently retired, Marilyn Weir with establishing some new direct relationships with plastic mills. Due to changes in the market and technology at mills, specs are changing. We need more info from our Members about their materials (where and how it's stored, how long it's been stored etc.) so that we can sell it. Many mills have bale size limitations, storage requirements (bales that have been stored outside are harder to sell).
- V. **Mixed Paper** –Mike discussed a research project we are working on with a UNH Intern, Jordan Strater, that looks into the use of mixed paper as bedding for livestock and horses. With the decline in the MP market over the past year, NRRRA has been looking for new/different outlets for MP. Newspaper is 4-5 times more absorbent than wood chips or hay. We've found a few places using MP and a place in Wisconsin that turns the mixed paper in to pellets for this very use. There is a farm in Vermont using it as cow bedding, they shred it themselves and put used material in with compost pile. Paper is proven to be warmer and more comfortable for the animals and clumps better making for easier clean up. Steve Doumas pointed out that if the paper could be broken down to sawdust like particles, it could be even more useful.

- VI. **Glass: PGA & Clean** – Mike explained the recent changes in our Glass procedures and why they are necessary. Our PGA Host Site in Wakefield has closed which creates a problem for those that were delivering into that site. We've formed a new site in cooperation with Waste Management Rochester/Turnkey for this very purpose. Mike explained that our sites in Keene and Lebanon are taking ONLY CLEAN glass which means no pyrex, ceramics etc. All other NRRRA Sites will accept loads with MIXED Glass/PGA items (including pyrex, ceramics, porcelain) but NONE of our sites will accept contaminated loads that have trash, debris etc. and if a load is found to have any such contamination, it will be refused or a fee may apply. We are still looking at adding two more PGA host sites: one in NH and one in MA.
- VII. **YIMBY, "Yes, In My Back Yard"** – Mike announced NRRRA's newest USDA Grant Funding for this project that focuses on LDPE Plastics, Battery Recycling and Organics. MSW cost are on the rise, capacity is near full. Composting helps decrease MSW tonnage. In VT they enacted ACT 148 which states that NO COMPOST can be in with the trash but unfortunately, they have no outlets that will take the compost. MA has the same law but has anerobic digesters in place. There needs to be more Composting Infrastructure in place and that's what these grant funds will help us explore. Jim Tessier explained how much money composting and PAYT programs have saved the Town of Eliot, ME and the residents who are more than happy and eager to comply with the requirements.
- VIII. **NRRRA's 38th Annual Conference & Expo** – Mike announced that this year we would be "recycling" our theme from last year's conference, well, sort of. This year's theme is "Recycling *STILL* Rules". The conference will be held on May 20 and 21, 2019 at the newly renovated and rebranded, DoubleTree by Hilton, Downtown Manchester (formerly the Manchester Radisson). We are currently looking for speakers and workshop suggestions.
- IX. **NH the Beautiful** – Stacey stated that the NHTB just wrapped up their Fiscal year on 10/31/18 therefore all municipalities start anew with 60 sign points and access to equipment grants. The next meeting will be in Feb. 2019 and all were encouraged to take advantage of the NHTB programs.
- X. **School CLUB/Town & Gown Grant** – Gwen, Sarah and Cindy have been very busy with outreach as they wrap up work on our 2018 USDA Grant, Town & Gown. Through lots of hard work and cooperation they created the newly updated Hazardous Materials Management Guide for schools which is currently available on our website. The School CLUB crew is also working with programs like ECOVIM to help make composting easier at schools. Mike Richardson announced that Sarah worked with the schools in his town to start a composting program which has saved the school about \$200/month as they were able to have one of their trash dumpsters removed.
- XI. **Other Business** – Members were reminded that there would be no December MOM Meeting. The Next MOM meeting will be on Wednesday, January 7th, 2019. Happy Holidays to all!

Roger Rice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Steve Doumas seconded the motion which then passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.