

Minuteman Household Hazardous Products Facility Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2015

The meeting of the Minuteman Hazardous Products Facility Committee was called to order at 2:35 PM by Faye Andrews, Chair, in Room 125 at the DPW building in Lexington.

Present: Faye Andrews (Chair), Bedford; Gerard Cody, Robert Beaudoin, Betty Ann Racioppi, and Bill Hadley, Lexington; Charlotte Milan, Arlington; Angela Braun and Mary Beth Calnan, Belmont; Rod Robison, Concord; Elaine Carroll, Lincoln, Belmont; Seth Dawber, Clean Harbors; Michael Singer and Caitlin McSherry, Brightfields Development, LLC., and Deborah Rosati, Watertown.

Minutes: The minutes from the May 5, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

5/16/15 Hazardous Waste Collection:

Arlington DPW staff Theresa Schanda and Jean Smith as well as Seth Dawber were present at the 5/16/15 Hazardous Waste Collection. The event went smoothly.

Site Operations Update:

None

Update from Clean Harbors:

None

Brightfields Development LLC Presentation:

Mike Singer has been working with Lexington for six months to redevelop portions of the Lexington Hartwell facility to include ground mounted and canopy solar photovoltaic generation. There is an application to the utilities filed to tie the site into the electrical grid, and a Purchase Power Agreement under negotiation between Lexington and Solar City. Brightfields is at the 25% design process, with the goal of completing the concept, design, engineering, redesign and build process to culminate with a ground breaking date of January 2016.

Slides from the presentation are attached to these minutes.

Current use and future operations maps were presented. The proposed project will result in a 2.1 megawatt system.

Design features that relate to hazardous waste collection operations include water-proofing of canopy, lighting, location of support beams and clearance height for large vehicles, stormwater planning, emergency spill planning, and strength of columns to withstand impact with vehicles. Operational concerns addressed included interruption of operations and the lifespan of the structure. Mike reassured committee members that construction phasing would eliminate disruption to collection events, and he invited the committee to stay in close communication about these and future concerns.

The MHHPC is particularly interested in the potential flexibility and use of the proposed canopy over the collection site, including adding lanes of traffic and additional collection equipment. The water-proofed area proposed in the future operations map slide did not meet the expectations of the committee. Committee members requested access to consulting services relating to specific concerns of hazardous waste collection facilities. Mike referred the committee to Bruce Haskell of Langdon Environmental, who has acted as Lexington's consultant with the overall project.

Mike is available to meet with our committee at a future date, and offered to bring the project's structural engineer to attend as well.

Idling Policy:

Tabled for future discussion.

Additional Business:

Invoices- Betty Ann recommends that communities anticipate June costs by estimating from last year's costs. The number of cars will be available before June 30 but the bill may not be out to the communities by then.

Dates for the 2016 collection dates reviewed and approved as follows:

April 16, May 14, June 18, July 16, August 13, September 18 (Sunday), October 15 and November 12.

Potential communities interested in joining our committee and/or events with Guest Community status: Discussed inquiries from Winchester, Tynsboro and Chelmsford, with concerns voiced about how the current member communities can benefit, and not suffer, from additional members and participation. The following decisions were made: Rob will invite Winchester to attend our meetings; Faye will suggest Tynsboro submit a formal request; Chelmsford is designated as a guest community; proposal to form an ad hoc subcommittee to create a process for reviewing new membership requests, if such a request is received by the committee. Applicable language in our existing MOU should be referenced.

The next MHP meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.