

FEBRUARY 28, 2011
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
NEW HAVEN SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY

A Regular Meeting of the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority (the "Authority") was held on February 28, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. at New Haven City Hall, 165 Church Street, 2nd Floor, Meeting Room #1, New Haven, CT 06510.

Alderman Gerald Antunes called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

Board members present: Antunes, Dolan, Lemar, Ambrogio, and Rosario.

Also present: John Prokop, Executive Director of the Authority and Director of the City of New Haven Department of Public Works
Scott Bassett, McGladrey and Pullen
Carleen LaFitte Department of Finance
Shawn Brown, Administrative Assistant II for the City of New Haven Department of Public Works

• **Election of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board.**

RESOLVED: A motion was made by Pat Ambrogio to nominate Joe Dolan as Chairman of the Authority.

Gerald Antunes seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES	NAYES	ABSTENTIONS
Ambrogio		Dolan
Antunes		
Lemar		
Rosario		

RESOLVED: A motion was made by Anika Lemar to nominate Donald Walker, in his absence, as Vice Chairman of the Authority.

Gerald Atunes seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES	NAYES	ABSTENTIONS
Ambrogio		
Antunes		
Dolan		
Lemar		
Rosario		

• **Appointment of the Treasurer and Secretary.**

RESOLVED: A motion was made by Gerald Antunes to appoint Carleen LaFitte as Treasurer.

Joe Dolan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES
Ambrogio
Antunes
Dolan
Lemar
Rosario

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

RESOLVED: A motion was made by Joe Dolan to appoint Shawn Brown as Secretary.

Gerald Antunes and Anika Lemar seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES
Ambrogio
Antunes
Dolan
Lemar
Rosario

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

- **Review the June 30, 2010 Auditor's Report**

1. **Amendment to Bylaws.**

RESOLVED: A motion was made by Pat Ambrogio to adopt the bylaws effective immediately, February 28, 2011.

Anika Lemar seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES
Ambrogio
Antunes
Dolan
Lemar
Roland

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

- **Approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2010 Regular Meeting of the Board and the January 26, 2011 Special Meeting of the Board.**

RESOLVED: A motion was made by Gerald Antunes made to accept the minutes as corrected (Antunes made the motion to approve the 2011 Calendar of Regular Meetings during the January 26, 2011 special meeting).

Dolan seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES
Ambrogio
Antunes
Dolan
Lemar
Rosario

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

2. **Review December 31, 2010 financial statements.**

- **Collections – unpaid receivables.**

- **Other Business.**

None.

- **Public Comments.**

Ed Spinella of All American Waste: “I was just listening on the people perhaps, who are not paying the city. One, there is a way to guarantee payment by the haulers which is that obviously the customers are paying the haulers. The haulers have the money and are choosing to pay other bills but not you. You can require the hauler to have the customers to the Solid Waste Authority directly, the tip fees. Or, you can take security in the revenue that the hauler is receiving from his customers. (Chairman Dolan asked him to repeat before moving onto the third option). The hauler is being paid by the customer so the revenue is coming in. So the haulers can be required, as part of the note, to pledge those revenues to secure the note. There are many times when debtors are required to have their customers pay a particular creditor directly. To me, what you have here are haulers which are choosing which bills to pay. They are choosing not to pay New Haven Solid Waste Authority. I’m not representing you; I am just saying that there are ways to get these haulers that are not paying the tip fees to pay the tip fees. Now there are other towns that actually send letters to (customers of) haulers who are not paying the tip fees, recommending that they refuse licensed haulers as well as haulers that are paying their tip fees to whatever waste authority it is, for whatever town. There are towns that elect to contact customers of the haulers who are unlicensed, who are not bringing their waste to the appropriate designated facility. I’m just telling you what other towns have done from time to time. We pay our bills; we pay our bills to 169 towns in the CRA. We don’t like this at all; the fact that people are getting away with not paying their tip fees because then we can’t have a level playing field with the competition. Somebody said a long time ago at one of these meetings you are the big elephant in the room so we are always going to focus on you (haulers that have delinquent accounts). It is difficult when you are one of the major haulers because everybody calls on you; we’re going to make them an example, we’re going to do this, we’re going to do that. In the meanwhile, it’s “the little guys” who are breaking the rules and not paying their bills. Then they go to customers and saying we will do yours for fifty dollars when the tip fee is sixty dollars. They can do it for fifty because they are not going to bring it to you. So, we’re happy with performance bonds, we’re happy with high license fees, we’re happy with anything because then we have a level playing field.

Do your clients have to provide performance bonds?

In general, we get performance bonds. To CRA we pay hundreds of hundreds of thousands of dollars to CRA as a letter of credit or performance bond every year. I think we can also give a letter of credit. You would be astounded as to how big our performance bonds are the security that we give to CRA. And the DEP, same

thing we get a permit from the DEP for one of our facilities. We have millions of dollars worth of bonds out there.

You have to do it for the CRA because of dumping?

We are a licensed hauler, right. And they want to make sure they get paid.

And you are not performing a contract for them?

No. We've seen haulers that have their own performance bonds that they forge. It happens; it happened I believe in Cheshire and they caught him. You never know what's out there. John, I think right on the CRA web site, if you look at the guidelines for each project, it'll show you the rules for security.

- **Adjournment.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dolan at 7:47 PM. The next meeting is March 17, 2011.