

**Town of La Pointe
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Work Group
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall
Minutes**

Members present: Michael Childers, Michael Brenna, Joe Scarry and Gwen Smith Patterson
Members present via speakerphone: Norm Castle and Chuck Irvine
Members absent: Michael Collins
Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator
Ted Pallas, MRF Supervisor

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The MRF Work Group meeting was called to order by M. Childers, Chair on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 9:01 a.m. A quorum of the committee is present as shown by members listed above.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Minutes of the following MRF Work Group meeting to be considered for approval:

A. February 11, 2020

Motion by M. Brenna, second by J. Scarry to approve the MRF Work Group minutes of February 11, 2020 as presented. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

4. General Updates and comments from Work Group members.

A. Financial Analysis

M. Childers asked that self-hauling costs be included in the financial analysis.

B. Community Outreach

Discussion on MRF Questionnaire distributed to Town Board 2/24/20

- M. Brenna suggestions/questions
 - Survey is too long
 - Why is automobile removeable included in MRF survey?
Discussion and consensus to leave questions in survey
 - VIII - #4 – should this be removed?
Discussion and consensus to remove.
- C. Irvine wanted it noted to the Town Board that he believes 90% of what we recycle is not reusable.
- J. Scarry – the purpose of this survey is to begin a conversation with the public and the answers will give us a tool to start this conversation.
- M. Childers stated that he and G. Smith Patterson will present this at the Town Board meeting tonight and ask the Town Board for their suggested changes and funding for the survey.

C. MRF Input – Landfill Possibilities

Ted is waiting on names of landfills recently built to contact them and get an estimate on the cost to build.

D. Other updates

J. Scarry asked questions regarding composting.

Is there free space to use?

Discussion on possible locations

J. Scarry – how does seasonality have an effect on our financial analysis?

Benchmarks – How many pounds per month are processed?

Lisa stated we might not know the pounds per month but should be able to get the revenue taken in every month. Also, the waste isn't necessarily processed as it comes in.

M. Childers stated the committee will need to think of ways to process the survey information if the Town Board approves. Also, a report to the Town Board will need to be compiled. M. Childers asked for every idea to be included in this report. Lisa said she can assist in creating a report.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 9 a.m.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.
Minutes approved as presented March 10, 2020. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assisnat.