

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY JULY 8, 2020**  
**4:30pm AT Rec Center Pavilion**  
Approved Minutes

**Town Board Members Present:** Jim Patterson, Michael Anderson, Sue Brenna, Glenn Carlson, John Carlson

**Staff Present:** Lisa Potswald, Ben Schram, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

**MRF Work Group Members Present:** Michael Childers, Michael Brenna, Chuck Irvine, Joe Scarry, Gwen Smith Patterson, Norm Castle

**Public Present:** Michael Starck, Steve Lennick, Mike Iannazzo, Jim Peters, Paul Brummer, John Appit

**Called to Order:** 4:30pm

1. Public Comment\*: Jim Patterson welcomed the MRF Work Group. Chair of the MRF Work Group, Michael Childers introduced the other group members. He also thanked the Town Administration for their assistance with the survey and the report.

2. Town Board and Materials Recover Facility (MRF) Work Group Meet to Discuss the MRF Work Group Final Report:

Garbage: after it leaves the Island, it goes to a landfill in Michigan.

Recycling: only current sellable recyclables are aluminum, corrugated cardboard and mixed paper. Occasionally other things can be sold, but less often. Plastic is a problem.

Discussion on why the MRF is a MRF and not a transfer station.

Composting: there will be a pilot program to see how things go with restaurant and household compost. The Town is also part of a federal grant with the City of Ashland and Northland College for composting.

Exchange: though this year it is closed due to covid, the MRF Work Group report recommends maximizing this resource and possibly expanding.

Educating residents and visitors on best practices, etc.

Motion by Glenn Carlson to accept the MRF Work Group Report and ask the Town Administration to make recommendations to the Town Board on changes etc. Second by Sue Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Public Comment \*\*:

Paul Brummer commented on looking into a Head Tax to help offset costs.

Norm Castle read comments about being on the MRF work group, further ideas and difficulties. Ben Schram thanked Carey Baxter for his time at the MRF as well as thanks to the Work Group and the MRF Staff as well as Evan R for temporary hauling.

4. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:24pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted (one small typo corrected), July 28, 2020. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.