

**Town of La Pointe
Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) Work Group
Friday, January 3, 2020
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall
Minutes**

Members present: Michael Childers, Gwen Smith Patterson, Michael Brenna and Joe Scarry
Members present via speakerphone: Norm Castle and Chuck Irvine
Members absent: Michael Collins
Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Town Administrator
Public present: Jim Peters

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The MRF Work Group meeting was called to order by M. Childers, Chair on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9:03 a.m. A quorum of the committee is present as shown by members listed above.

2. Public Comment

Jim Peters would like the committee to look at food waste options.

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

A. December 17, 2019

Motion by G. Smith Patterson, second by J. Scarry to approve the MRF Work Group minutes of December 17, 2019. All in favor, all aye. Motion Carried.

4. General Updates and comments from Work Group members.

A. Financial Analysis

J. Scarry reported he received information from Barb Nelson at Town Hall and will be working on the analysis in the next couple of weeks.

B. Community Outreach

- L. Potswald suggested this group put an article in the next Gazette notifying people up an upcoming survey. G Smith Patterson and N Castle will submit to the Gazette.
- Discussion on possible target survey audience; all mailboxes on island, all property owners, voters who are not property owners, survey in public places.
- Discussion on plastic bag use on the island.
- J. Scarry suggested the survey focus more on the users' needs/desires rather than implementation/solutions.
- Lengthy discussion on possible survey introduction/questions. Gwen will work on an introduction and survey questions to be discussed at the next meeting.
- M Childers will work with L Potswald regarding funds for the survey.
- Discussion on having an e-mail in the Gazette article for people to send their contact e-mail to receive a survey via e-mail.

C. MRF Input – Landfill Possibilities

No discussion.

D. Other updates

Discussion on possible field trips; Hayward, WI, Northland College food waste facility, waste energy facilities. M Brenna will investigate facilities in the area.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Future meetings will be 1/28/20, 2/11/20 and 2/25/20.

M. Childers noted he will not be at the January 28, 2020 meeting.

N Castle said he is still working on car hauling options off the island.

N Castle asked if anyone had contact with Bayfield, Washburn or Red Cliff for waste consolidation to reduce transportation costs. M Childers will check with T Pallas.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented January 14, 2020. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant