

RECYCLING ASSOCIATION MEETING  
MARCH 7, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by V.I. RC&D project manager Dee Osinski. Dee made welcome remarks and quickly recapped the accomplishments of the first meeting and introduced Carol Burke, V.I. RC&D Treasurer.

Burke described the structure of V.I. RC&D and ways in which V.I. RC&D can provide support to the Recycling Association, including provision of technical assistance, grant writing assistance, and by acting as fiduciary for the Association.

Osinski then introduced guest speaker, Ms. May Adams Cornwall, Executive Director of the V.I. Waste Management Authority (WMA).

Ms. Cornwall provided an outline of her presentation for participants (attached). Following her presentation the floor was opened to questions.

- Q: “What is being done about the red material stockpiled near St. Croix Renaissance?”  
Answer: WMA is not responsible for this material – it is up to Renaissance to dispose of it. WMA is considering use of the material to smother the fire under the surface at the Anguilla Landfill.
- Q: “Is there a company that shreds used tires for disposal or recycling?”  
Answer: Yes, there is a shredder on island but the costs are very high. WMA is now taking tires for off-island recycling at a cost of \$3.80 per tire.
- Q: “How can we reduce the use of plastic bags or keep them out of the waste stream? Why don’t groceries provide opportunities for recycling or reuse of plastic bags? Schools could be used as collection points and plastic fence posts can be made or the plastic can be used in roads.”
- Q: “Owners of empty lots should be required to keep them clean? What can be done?”  
Answer: there is a requirement that empty lots be kept cleared but enforcement is inadequate. If WMA cleans the lot they require payment for the service.
- Q: “Where is aluminum recycling facility?”  
Answer: EZ Recycling is located at Anna’s Hope near Public Works Dept.

As time was running short, Osinski listed the focus group areas that were identified by the questionnaire completed at the first Association meeting. A suggestion was made that a Marketing and Education focus group(s) be added to the list.

We now have use of Pearl B. Larsen School on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on April 3, 2007 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.