

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

August 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 p.m. by Paulette Routhier; Treasurer (in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair)

Present: William Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Lila Stevens (Brownington); RD Eno (Cabot & Marshfield); Mariam Cawley (Corinth); Pat Austin (Charleston); Irene Dagesse & Fran Batchelder (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey Jr. & Kitty Diggins (Groton); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); David Sanders (Jay); Rebecca Hill-Larsen (Kirby); Derek Blankinship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark); Claude Phipps & John Narowski (Newbury); Gina Vigneault-via phone (Norton); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock) Tom Gilbert (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Miriam Simonds (Westmore); Yves Daigel (Westfield)

Absent: Albany, Brighton, Concord, Danville, Granby, Guildhall, Holland, Lunenburg, Morgan, Newport Town, Peacham, Topsham, Unorganized (UTG), Victory, Waterford

Staff present- Paul Tomasi

Member(s) of the Public- None

Updates to Agenda- Pat Austin would like to discuss our membership in the Vermont Solid Waste District Manager's Association.

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of June 13, 2017 *Motion, 2nd. Motion Approved.*

Act 148 Committee Update - The committee met on July 11, 2017 for approximately 2 hours to discuss the NEKWMD concerns/issues associated with Act 148. The intent of the committee is to present information to local legislators in advance of the 2018 legislative session. A draft was presented to the full Board by the Executive Director. A motion was made and 2nd to approve the draft. An amendment to the draft was made and 2nd. The amendment involved changing the wording on the bottom of page 3 to, "Lastly the NEKWMD feels it may be necessary to revisit the 2020 ban of organics if sufficient hauling and processing capacity is not developed." A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the merits of maintaining, changing, or eliminating the 2020 organics ban. In the end the amended language was approved and the motion to approve the draft was also approved.

There was a brief discussion regarding the section on glass, and whether or not glass containers could be added to the bottle bill. There were no motions made to change anything in this section.

The plan now is for the committee to meet with Senator John Rodgers and Representative Paul Lefebvre to discuss the document and possible next steps.

Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy - S8 passed during the 2017 legislative session. One of the requirements in this bill is that all municipalities have a conflict of interest policy

in place by July 1, 2019. The Executive Committee approved the model COI policy in June for consideration by the full Board. The Board had several suggestions to make the policy more specific to the NEKMWD. The Executive Director asked that comments regarding changes be forwarded to him prior to the next meeting so as to be incorporated into the document for consideration at the next meeting.

A motion was made and 2nd to table the vote on the COI policy.

Northern Borders Regional Commission – The Executive Director gave a brief update of the process. The Executive Committee is working on the criteria for accepting applications.

A question was raised regarding the uses of this potential grant money and whether or not it could be used for recycling infrastructure. This specific grant was designed to pursue money for expansion of organics infrastructure, but we could pursue grants for other purposes if the Board chose to do so.

Financial Update - There were a few questions regarding specific line items in the monthly “budget comparison”.

- (1) What was the \$4,600 in Education/Outreach reported in the June Budget Comparison?
- (2) Why is the Workers Comp. Insurance so high?
- (3) What were the expenditures in line item 82?

The Executive Director will provide the answers to these questions in the notes for the next meeting.

Other Business – There was no other business.

Membership in the Vermont Solid Waste District Manager’s Association (VSWDMA) – The question was raised regarding the use of taxpayer funds for lobbying by the VSWDMA for positions not necessarily supported by the NEKWMD. The Executive Director took responsibility for not pursuing the NEKWMD positions strongly enough and assured the Board this would not be repeated.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Tomasi, Executive Director