

## NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

**June 13, 2017**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:06 p.m. by Joel Cope; Chair

**Present:** William Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Pat Austin (Charleston); James Ashley (Danville); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey Jr. (Groton); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); David Sanders (Jay); Libre Drouin, Derek Blankinsip & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Bob Durgin (Morgan); Jan Clausing (Newark); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Claude Phipps & John Narowski (Newbury); Gina Vigneault-via phone (Norton); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Tom Gilbert (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Peter Keene (Topsham); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Miriam Simonds (Westmore); Yves Daigel (Westfield)

**Absent:** Albany, Cabot, Concord, Corinth, Derby, Granby, Guildhall, Holland, Kirby, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Corinth, Peacham, Unorganized (UTG), Victory, Sheffield, Wheelock, Waterford

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

**Member(s) of the Public-** Clair Dane

**SWIP introduction meeting called to order @ 7:07** – The Chair asked if any members of the public wished to discuss the SWIP. No comments were received.

**Updates to Agenda-** Ken J. would like to discuss outreach. Steve G. would like to discuss a donation.

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve minutes of May 9, 2017 with an attendance correction. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**John Ryan-Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant (NBRC)-** We applied for this grant last year and were not selected because the NBRC felt the WMD would be competing with local business.

John Ryan director of the VT Agricultural & Forest Products Development Program at the VT Sustainable Jobs Fund was here to discuss the NBRC grant. John will be working with the WMD on this grant, this time as a pass-through. Paul would like to see this grant benefitting the whole District.

Paul feels if we get this grant it could really help to develop compost infrastructure. Potential projects would need to provide a 20% match & the maximum amount to be dispersed is \$250,000. Private individuals may not apply directly to NBRC.

Should we decide to take this up, the NEKWMD would put out a request for proposals and then “we” would decide on the viable candidate(s) and present the grant proposal as a partnership(s). We have about 11 months until the next round of applications are due. Paul and/or the Act 148 committee will undertake the criteria for viable projects.

Moved to allow Paul to continue looking into the Northern Borders Regional Commissions Grant. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*  
Abstention by Stannard Supervisor.

**Truck Payment-** Next payment is due mid July.

Moved to allow \$18,475.31 from the Capitol Improvement Fund for truck payment (#2 of 5) 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**Committee to Evaluate Act 148-** Bill Douglas, Dustin Sanville & Gene Perkins volunteered to join Nick Rivers, Pat Austin & Jan Clausen on the committee. The committee is requesting any questions or suggestions please call or email Paul.

**Criteria for Accepting New Towns-** We have decided Paul will give a courtesy call to any neighboring district who has a town that contacts us wanting to join our district.

**Financial Update-** Paul looked into Pat's question from last meeting, about retaining a lobbyist to serve our district's needs specifically; \$5,000/month in session, \$3,000 out of session. We may discuss this further at a later meeting.

There was a math error last financial update that was corrected.  
The market has stabilized a bit in April. Prices increased for mixed paper and cardboard in June.

**Other Business-** the subject of donations was answered by sharing an article from the paper.

Ken Johnston asked the group how other towns address outreach to seasonal residents. Board members were encouraged to share suggestions with Ken.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:25

Respectfully submitted,  
Libre Drouin, Clerk