

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

May 9, 2017

Call to order @ 7:00p.m., Joel Cope, Chair

Present: Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Bill Douglas (Barnet); Joel Cope (Brighton); Lila Stevens (alt. Brownington); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); David Isles (Concord); Marian Cawley (Corinth); James Ashley (Danville); Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); Libre Drouin, Derek Blankenship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Bob Durgin (Morgan); Jan Clausing (Newark); Claude Phipps (Newbury); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Tom Gilbert (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Heather Burt (Waterford); Yves Daigle (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

Absent- Albany, Glover, Granby Groton, Guildhall, Holland, Jay, Kirby, Lunenburg, Newport Town, Norton, Peacham, Sheffield, Topsham, Wheelock, UTGs, Victory,

Staff present- Paul Tomasi

Public- Clair Dane

Updates to Agenda- Pat Austin would like to discuss District lobbying.
Steve Gray would like to discuss a hauler who is late on payments.

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of April 11, 2017 as written. 2nd.
Motion Approved

Financial Update- \$59,000 grant (line #10) will be received in 4 payments. Last month it was moved to pay off line of credit. This was done, payments are being made to the Capitol Improvement Fund (line # 80).

Currently, haulers can drop recycling at District building at no charge, are compensated for baled materials and charges for glass. As we do not charge towns that we service for picking up their glass Paul would like to eliminate charge on glass collected from District towns. He has figured total loss [from glass fee] to be no more than \$750 annually.

Moved to eliminate charge for District glass collected going forward. 2nd.
Motion Approved

*amended to [also] have Haulers reimbursed for fees charged for glass collected in District towns since January 2017. 2nd.
Motion Approved

Reimbursements to come from line #6, Sale of Recyclables.

Pat Austin called to question if the money spent on lobbyists is fully benefitting us as not all Districts in VT have exactly the same agenda. Would it do us better to spend the money on a lobbyist specifically for our issues. Paul will look into it.

Hauler Exemption- There has been a bill passed that will push back the start date for organics collection by one year (July 2018).

Do we need to further pursue exemption? ANR feels it would be to our benefit to reapply.

Moved to have Paul seek Hauler Exemption for Collection of Organics, Commercial and Residential. 2nd.

Motion Approved

Paul is seeking a committee of approx. 5 members to undertake this and other issues related to Act 148. To convene in June. If interested, please contact Paul.

Conflict of Interest Follow Up- We can go one of a few ways 1) do nothing and take the last meeting as informational, 2) create a policy, 3) create an ordinance. Paul would provide language, there are boiler plates relating to S8. By 2020 all Municipalities are required to have something in place.

Moved to have EC begin process of creating a Policy around “Conflicts of Interest”. 2nd.
Motion Approved

Updates- The Charter amendment has been approved. We are now able to charge a per capita fee.

Other Business- Paul states most of the haulers are up to date on their payments.

Pat Austin would like to make sure our communities receive proper representation, in the State House, related to our specific WD needs/issues.

Paul recommends this be an item the committee would undertake.

meeting adjourned @ 8:20

Respectfully submitted,
Libre Drouin, Clerk