

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

**October 10, 2017**

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

**Present:** Bill Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); David Isles (Concord); Marian Cawley (Corinth); Walter McNeil (Danville); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Timothy Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); Libre Drouin & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Claude Phipps (Newbury); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Peter Keene (Topsham); Heather Burt (Waterford); Yves Daigle (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

**Absent:** Albany, Brownington, Derby, Granby, Guildhall, Holland, Jay, Kirby, Lunenburg, Morgan, Newark, Norton, Peacham, Stannard, Unified (UTG), Victory, Troy, Wheelock,

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

**Updates to Agenda-** Steve Gray would like to discuss having the District employees invited to a meeting, or hosting a meet & greet with them.

Request to reverse items 5 (2018 Draft Budget) & 6 (Financial Update) for discussion

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve minutes of September 12, 2017 as written. 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
*Motion Approved.*

**Act 148 Committee Update-** Paul whittled down some “talking points” for Act 148 & provided a list of the Districts local Representatives & Senators. He would like the Supervisors to get back to him before our next meeting letting him know if we were able to contact any of the reps for our area.

**Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant Update-** After touching base with Christine Frost [NBRC] on Tuesday, October 3, she indicated that they would not fund a project that gave public money to private entities; as we had originally understood. She did suggest that an organization like NCIC or NVDA could obtain funding and create a loan program for private entities.

**Financial Update-** August & September have been good recycling months. Paul says the price of paper is dropping significantly (30-40%), as China is refusing to accept “contaminated” materials from the US.

It was noted that line item #10 (surcharge), is down and was asked if it is a direct relation to (a decrease in tonnage) an increase in recycling weight. Paul does not feel they are directly related.

**2018 Draft Budget-** It was generally felt the Draft looked good. The proposal does not include any changes to the surcharge rate (\$24.25) or the stop charge (\$30/stop). There is a \$5000 increase from 2017. Paul felt a bit disconcerted with idea of China's markets being able to affect ours so dramatically.

If markets continue the way they have been there is the possibility of making extra payments on the truck. We will need to watch the markets before we are able to make any type of decision.

The next step in the budget process is to approve it, then set it for public hearing by Dec 15<sup>th</sup> & mailed to towns.

Moved to approve Draft Budget for 2018 in the amount of \$760,519. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**Other Business-** Steve Gray would like us to re-visit the idea of inviting the employees of the district transfer station to a meeting. They could tell us a bit about what they do. There are some details that would need to be ironed out. How long they would be require to stay, would we offer refreshments, and would this be a paid event for them?

#5 Plastics can now be recycled in the District.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:07

Respectfully submitted,  
Libre Drouin, Clerk