

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

September 12, 2017

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

Present: Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); Marian Cawley (Corinth); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Batchelder & Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); Rebecca Hill Larson (Kirby); Libre Drouin, Derek Blankenship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Claude Phipps (Newbury); Gina Vigneault-via phone (Norton); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Peter Keene (Topsham); Heather Burt (Waterford); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

Absent: Albany, Barnet, Concord, Granby, Groton, Guildhall, Holland, Jay, Lunenburg, Morgan, Newark, Peacham, Stannard, Unorganized (UTG), Victory, Troy, Westfield

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Shannon Choquette

Updates to Agenda- Steve Gray would like to discuss having District employees invited to a meeting, or hosting a meet and greet with them. This idea was met with mixed feelings.

Joel Cope called for a moment of silence in remembrance of James Ashley (Danville Supervisor) one of the original members of the NEKWMD, who passed away.

Shannon Choquette, new outreach coordinator, sat in for a few minutes to introduce herself to the board and tell them some of her goals/agendas for the next few months.

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of August 8, 2017 as written. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Auditor Bids for 2017- Our Charter stipulates we must receive an annual audit. The company which has been providing this service for us has decided to discontinue performing this type of audit so Paul sent out 20 RFPs around Northern New England, the template used was provided by The League of Cities & Towns; 5 came back, the lowest bid was from the firm RH Smith of Buxton Maine, for \$7595/yr.

Moved to accept bid from RH Smith of Buxton ME [not to exceed] \$7595/yr for 3 yrs. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Conflict of Interest Policy- Supervisors were provided with a copy of the policy with changes.

Claude Phipps suggested we remove a section on page 3, footnote #3, "*Certain appointed officials such as a Zoning Administrator & a Town Manager may only be*

removed for cause and after being afforded with procedural due process protections including notice and a reasonable opportunity to be heard.”, as it is irrelevant. All agreed. Paul will provide a clean copy with revisions at the next meeting. We have until 2019 to finalize this policy.

Vote tabled.

Act 148 Committee Update - The committee felt they were well received when presenting Senator John Rodgers (Essex-Orleans) & Representative Paul Lefebvre (Essex-Caledonia-Orleans) with our suggested revisions for Act 148. The legislators recommended we all reach out to our local reps. and senators they also suggested we come up with some specific language in order to amend Act 148. Both legislators serve on their respective Natural Resources Committees.

Northern Borders Regional Commission Grant Update- Paul has reached out but hasn't been able to reconnect, probably due to the fact they are currently reviewing the latest batch of applications.

John Ryan (spoke at the June meeting) provided some criteria to help evaluate potential recipients. Paul would like to have some proposals to include with our Grant application. He has already reached out to some of our local businesses in anticipation.

Financial Update- Paul feels things are going well, there have been some drops in the market but for the most part holding strong; cardboard at \$180/ton, mixed paper \$105/ton, & plastic around \$70/ton. The District is currently shipping their Ag, film to Arkansas on a trial basis.

Pat Austin noted that line items #6 (compost income) & #13 (pick-up fees) have no amounts indicated for the months May-August. Paul will look into this.

An oversight at the E.C. meeting to choose a date for our first annual budget meeting. It was decided the first Tuesday in October [3rd] at 4:00pm would work for all members.

Other Business- Amber Lumbra approached Gene Perkins (Ryegate supervisor) about piloting a “TerraCycle Project”. Paul has been working with her to determine 3-5 items to begin collecting and a small list of towns to start with close to the Ryegate area, possibly Barnet, Ryegate Corinth & Peacham. This would just be a pilot to get an idea how much material she can handle. Amber would do all the transporting for this project.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:15

Respectfully submitted,
Libre Drouin, Clerk