

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Sept 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order @ 6:00 pm, by Joel Cope; Chair.

Present: Joel Cope (Brighton); Libre Drouin (Lyndon); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock)

Staff present- Paul Tomasi

Updates to Agenda- none

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of June 9, 2017 as written. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Auditor Bid Review- Our long time auditing firm informed us they will no longer be performing this type of audit. 20 Requests for Proposal (RFP) were sent to firms throughout Northern New England. 5 responses came back. The company RH Smith of Buxton Maine came in with lowest bid at \$7595/yr for 3yrs. The bids ranged in price from \$7500-13,500 with a few increasing yearly.

Moved to recommend to the Full Board to contract with RH Smith of Buxton ME to perform annual audit(s), for \$7595.00/year for 3 years. 2nd. *Motion Approved*

Act 148 Committee Update- The committee met with Senator John Rogers (Essex-Orleans) & Representative Paul Lefebvre (Essex-Caledonia-Orleans). Both Legislators serve on their respective Natural Resources Committees, and were receptive to our concerns.

One suggestion they had was to mark the Act with specific language in order to amend. Paul and the committee will work on specific wording.

They also suggested we all reach out to our local representatives and senators making them aware of our intentions. Paul will work on a short list of talking points. He can also come up with a list of or local [district] representatives.

We would like to have the language by December.

NBRC Grant Info- This is a pass-through grant we would use to help current food scrap collectors improve their businesses sustainability as well as expand the current infrastructure.

Paul would like potential applicants to be made aware of this opportunity by January 2018 so we may include some proposals with the application which is due by June 2018.

Other Business- A woman named Amber Lumbra approached Gene Perkins (she lives in the Ryegate area) about collecting additional materials through TerraCycle. All she is asking is if the District could provide her with barrels for the stations she would like to pilot her project. She will do the entire pick up. She & Paul are thinking of starting in a few of the southern towns near Ryegate.

Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Libre Drouin; Clerk