

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

**December 11, 2018**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. by Joel Cope; Chair

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); William Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bob Sanberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil (Danville); Irene Dagesse & Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Timothy Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Rebecca Hill Larson (Kirby); Derek Blankenship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Bob Durgin (Morgan); Jan Clausing (Newark); Claude Phipps & John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gina Vigneault-via phone (Norton & UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Tom Gilbert (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Andrea Dinneen (Waterford); Yves Daigle (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

**Absent:** Concord, Granby, Guildhall, Holland, Jay, Lunenburg, Peacham, Topsham, Victory

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

Libre Drouin- Minutes

**Press-** Joseph Gresser from The Chronicle

**Public-** Clare Dane, Larry Gluckman, Ernie Punt, Doug Spates, Vivian Spates, Marcy Giroux

**Newport City** – Laura Dolgin & Julie Raboin

**VT ANR** – Dennis Fekert & Jeff Bordeau

**Casella-** Mike Casella, John Casella, Jeremy Labbe, Kim Crosby, Brian Beaudoin, Craig Heindel

- Open Public Hearing for 2019 Draft Budget.
- Open Public Informational Meeting for USDA RA Vermont Community Facility Program Application.

Paul submitted the application for the USDA Grant to Rural Development Committee on Dec. 5th. If we are awarded the grant, money will cover 35% of the cost for the new baler.

**Updates to Agenda-** Pat Austin would like to present what the Act 148 committee has decided to pursue in the 2019 legislative sessions. This will be added to “Other Business”.

**Sign the 2019 Budget Warning-** The Board needs to sign the budget warning for the 2019 draft Budget. The budget was approved at the October meeting, no motion required.

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve minutes of October 9<sup>th</sup>, as written. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**2019 Draft Budget Fee Structure** - Pat A. feels a \$.50 increase in surcharge is too high and would like it reconsidered. He would like to see more responsibility put on the Stop Fee or Per Capita.

\*Moved to rescind \$.50 [surcharge] tax increase. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Defeated.*

Paul clarified during discussion, the cost of the baler is being raised through the Per Capita not surcharge. The need for an increase in this tax is to off set the short fall in recycling revenues and the increased costs for other areas of the budget, primarily increases in contributions to capital improvement and gross wages.

**Charlie Pronto- DUMP-** Mr. Pronto, former Mayor of Newport and current DUMP committee member had some time to present on behalf of the organization. They would like the WMD to reconsider our support of the Coventry landfill Expansion.

There were members of the Casella staff as well as some members of the Hauling community present.

The top 2 concerns of DUMP are

1. Economic injustice
2. The threat to our natural resource, Lake Memphremagog.

Tom Gilbert would like some time and a way to gather more formal information about expansion, and also information presented by Mr. Pronto and others concerning Pfas, water treatment ad alleged methane leaks.

\*Moved to rescind our letter of support until we have had time to gather more formal information. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

Show of hands Yeah-19 Nay-9

8:32 Public meeting & USDA informational called to a close.

**Public/Private Competition-** At the last meeting the board agreed not to change our current policy which has been to provide services to schools, municipal offices, and other tax payer funded facilities.

\*Moved that the District no longer provides services where there is an option for commercial hauling. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Conflict of interest called to question.

\*Moved to postpone vote.

Pat rescinds 1<sup>st</sup> motion

Claude rescinds 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.

**2019 Draft Budget-** line #13 Miscellaneous, 9311.82%. Paul believes this is where the down payment for the baler is being held, will confirm with Michelle.

Paul made the suggestion, if there are questions about specific line items, call him at the District office and he will be able to bring more accurate answers to the meetings.

**Other Business-** Pat presented some recommendations from the Act 148 committee.

1. Glass to be added to Bottle Bill, specifically wine bottles and other beverage containers.
2. Keep the tiered structure for food waste production/collection but would like to eliminate the 2020 ban on residential food waste and extend the deadline another 5yrs. Allowing more time for education and infrastructure to be developed.
3. Seek legislative remedy for collection of shingles & sheetrock facility required by 2019
4. Allow haulers ability to charge (itemized billing) for recycling.

The intention would be to present a letter to the board for approval and action at the Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion to adjourn @ 9:20

Respectfully submitted, Libre Drouin