

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING**

**July 10, 2018**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:03 p.m. by Joel Cope; Chair

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Batchelder & Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Timothy Dailey, Sr. & Kitty Diggins (Groton); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); David Sanders (Jay); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark); Claude Phipps (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Peter Keene (Topsham); Gaston Bathalon (Troy) Andrea Dinneen (Waterford); Yves Daigle (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

**Absent:** Barnet, Concord, Corinth, Granby, Guildhall, Holland, Kirby, Lunenburg, Morgan, Norton, Peacham, Stannard, Sutton, UTGs, Victory

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

**Public-** Mary Lou Sumberg

**Updates to Agenda-** None

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve minutes of May 8, 2018 as written. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

For the purpose of our SWIP amendment we need to call a Public Hearing to order,

Called to order by Joel Cope @ 7:08

**SWIP Amendment-** When we updated our Plan in 2015 we inadvertently omitted the closed landfill located at 3536 Route 302 in Newbury. This amendment to our Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) will add that facility to our SWIP.

**Election of Clerk-** The town of Lyndon did not reappoint the current Clerk, Libre Drouin, to represent them. Therefore a member of the board will need to be nominated to replace her as Clerk.

Walter McNeil from Danville volunteered to act as Clerk for the NEKWMD; this responsibility means being a member of & attending the Executive meetings before the monthly Full Board as well as budget meeting(s).

Moved to hire Libre Drouin as minute taker for NEKWMD's monthly meetings; to be paid the budgeted amount of \$500 for this calendar year. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**Recycling Fee Increase at Chittenden MRF-** Paul and Pat Austin attended a meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>, in the town of Coventry to discuss potential fee increases at the landfill in Coventry and how these fees could offset the recent rate hikes imposed by the Chittenden Solid Waste District. A copy of the minutes from that meeting was made available. Pat gave us an overview of their discussion, and what it could mean for us. Pat would like to propose we collaborate and unify with Coventry, neighboring towns and some other local Districts.

His idea is for the Coventry landfill to impose fees for "out of town" trash brought to the landfill and then cycling those monies back to the towns in our District (including new collaborators) to offset the fees CSWD has imposed for "out of town" recycling brought to their MRF (Municipal Recycling Facility) and possibly reducing the surcharge as well. At the time of our May meeting this fee was set at \$50/ton, by the meeting in June it was set to \$55/ton to begin Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Moved to send a letter to the Coventry Select board voicing our support of this idea. 2<sup>nd</sup> *Motion Approved.*

**Coventry Landfill Expansion-** Pat Austin would like our board to consider showing support to the town of Coventry's request to expand their operation permit for another 25 yrs. If they are not granted an extension they will need to close in 5yrs.

Moved to send a letter to Jeff Bordeaux of the DEC (Dept of Environmental Conservation) supporting a permit extension for the town of Coventry's landfill. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**Summary of Changes to Act 148-** Several last minute changes to Act 148 were passed by legislature, a summary was provided. Unfortunately none of our committee's recommendations made it into the final bills.

**Warehouse Open House-** In May we set a tentative date of July but were unable to plan an event in that timeframe. Paul will do his best to get plan a together for August or September.

**Consideration of Increasing Check Signing Limit-** Michelle recently brought to Paul's attention the frequency of needing 2 signatures. The current limit is \$1500.

Moved to increasing check signing limit to \$2000. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**Vermont Solid Waste District Manager's Association Letter-** Paul provided copies of his letter to VSWDMA that was given to the president on June 21<sup>st</sup>. It was not discussed at the meeting that was held that day. The basis of the letter was to express our concern with the way VSWDMA is (or is not) representing their Districts in general as well as in the legislature.

**Tire Fee Increase-** The vendor we ship tires with has notified us of a price increase. The per ton rate will go from \$ 120 to \$130 starting August 1, 2018. The rate increase will only really affect tires brought by the truck load, individual tire prices will not increase.

**Financial Update-** Revenues exceeded expenses by \$12,789 for the month ending June 30, 2018. Markets have begun to stabilize though the rates are low. We are narrowly closing our deficit, from \$60,000 at the end of April down to \$36,000. The next 3 months will give us a better idea of how we might end the year. Our means of funding Capitol Improvements has been working well and if markets continue to remain stable Paul is hopeful we could be able to pay off our truck early.

\*Public Hearing called to a close @ 8:45.

Moved to approve an amendment to our SWIP to include the closed landfill in the town of Newbury. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**Other Business-** E-waste, Paul has been contacted again about the proper labeling of the e-waste and to remind him the District will not be paid for any boxes that have mixed electronics in them. We are receiving 9 cents per pound for covered items.

All collectors of e-waste should have a green poster (provided by the State) which specifies acceptable materials, if you are a collection site and do not have an informational poster please let Paul know so he can have one sent to your facility.

Also the NEKWMD will be hosing Fast Trash at the transfer station in Lyndonville, for the town until they are able to come up with a solution to their trash removal situation.

A couple of years ago Paul and Nick Rivers proposed installing a compactor at the transfer station for the town of Lyndon's use; we may want to bring back this discussion.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:47

Respectfully submitted,  
Libre Drouin