

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

May 8, 2018

The meeting was called to order @ 7:07 p.m. by Joel Cope; Chair

Present: Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bob Sanberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Batchelder & Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Timothy Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); Rebecca Hill-Larsen (Kirby); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Gina Vigneault-via phone (Norton & UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Peter Keene (Topsham); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

Absent: Albany, Barnet, Brownington, Concord, Granby, Guildhall, Jay, Lunenburg, Morgan, Newark, Newbury, Newport Town, Peacham, Stannard, Troy, Victory, Waterford, Westfield

Staff present- Paul Tomasi

Updates to Agenda- Paul would like to discuss USDA grant authorization & E-Waste, both issues having come up after Paul had mailed out this months agenda.

Joel Cope reminds Supervisors a minimum of 48 hour is needed to add an item to the agenda. If there is an item one would like on the agenda the proper means to do so is to call Paul at the office and request it. If there is an issue that comes less than 48 hours before the meeting and cannot wait until next months meeting, then it is appropriate to add to updates.

Pat Austin would like to discuss a letter to Chittenden Solid waste District's (CSWD) Board Members, dated May 7th. There already happens to be an agenda item for letters. This led the discussion around to Paul's USDA grant letter again. Board decided to continue the discussion now.

Paul received an acknowledgment of receipt from Susan Poland, business Programs Specialist of Rural Development. The letter stated we needed more information on the application, being Paul's name specifically.

*Moved to authorize Paul Tomasi, Executive Director, to [be signer for] apply & administer the RBEG/RBOG (Rural Business Development Grant) in the amount of \$30,000. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of April 10, 2018 as written. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Election of Clerk - The town of Lyndon has not reappointed the current clerk, Libre Drouin, to represent them. Therefore a member of the board may need to replace her as

clerk. Paul asked if the board would like to move forward or table this item until the next meeting, after she has addressed her town's select board.

Board's decision to table this item until next meeting.

Authorization of Truck Payment- Next payment is due July 15, 2018. This will be the 2nd payment.

*Moved to allow Paul to make payment, using Capitol Improvement Funds, in the amount of \$18,475.31. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

2017 Audit Results- Paul has received the final audit report from our auditor RHR Smith of Buxton, ME. The auditors suggested the District adopt a "Fund balance Policy", Paul provided us with copies of the purpose and definition as provided by the auditor. The board did not feel it was necessary action to take.

The 37 page audit is available electronically for anyone interested in reviewing it, please contact Paul. Following Board review Paul would like to invite the auditor to a Board meeting to explain the audit and their recommendations.

Legislative Update - S285 is in the House Ways & Means committee. Paul provided a comparison sheet for the House vs. the Senate regarding the bill.

The Legislative session is scheduled to end at the end of the week and these issues of disagreement need to be resolved between them.

Paul is asking the Board for direction on which version we feel most closely addresses our ideas and concerns, he will call in our support.

Upon discussion it was decided the Senate version more closely aligns with our ideals with the addition of, "Solid Waste facilities allowed to charge for recycling", from the House version.

*Moved to have it be the District Board's support of Senate version with the addition of "Solid Waste facilities allowed to charge for recycling". 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Warehouse Open House - It was requested by a show of hands before proceeding to gauge interest and probability Supervisors would attend. Show of hands proved interest.

There was some discussion of times and purpose. Date tentatively set for 2nd Tuesday in July. Paul will send invitations.

Letter Updates- H837- Pat Austin and Paul have been working together regarding a few bills currently coming up before the House. Paul sent a letter to Chittenden (CSWD) on April 18th, which was followed by a letter from the City of Newport on May 7th. Both stating their concern for Chittenden's seemingly discriminatory (against non-Chittenden District) rate increases and the impact such increases have on rural haulers.

Pat informed the Board of his involvement in Montpelier regarding this and other issues with Act 148; supporting the Districts suggestions. He is currently on the agenda for Coventry and discussed suggesting that maybe the landfill would want to reconsider their rate structure for wastes originating from Chittenden County.

Pat also informed us Kathy Jameson for ANR recently testified against H837. Requiring small food collectors to now apply for a Solid Waste Permit. An example of this would be a “small farm”, as defined by the State of Vermont, accepting food scraps for chicken feed and composting. This could have a significant impact on potential new sites District Outreach is currently working with.

Financial Update - Expenses exceed revenues, which is typical for this time of year, by \$60,642.

Although it looks as if we have a healthy surplus the recycling markets are continuing to drop. Paul suggests it may be in our best interest to sit on these funds until the markets stabilize. He does expect to receive grant monies for the State of Vermont in May, and surcharge tonnage figures should increase with the start of construction season.

During our discussion it was suggested we, as a District, speak with the Department of Transportation (DOT) about utilizing recycled glass in VT.

Other Business- Good Point Recycling handles our e-waste. Beginning July 1st they will need to charge \$0.15/lb for “non-covered” electrical items. Paul ran some numbers and came up with a cost of approximately \$298.35 for the first 3 months, and a projection of \$1193.40 for 2018. Paul is also expecting to return a good portion of this charge back to businesses bringing their non-covered items the District, i.e. Copy/FAX machines.

Prior to July 1st a letter will be sent to clarify what is/is not acceptable material. There was a discussion on charging towns that continue to accept items not covered under the e-waste agreement.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:16

Respectfully submitted,
Libre Drouin