

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

October 09, 2018

The meeting was called to order @ 7:02 p.m. by Joel Cope; Chair

Present: William Douglas (Barnet); Joel Cope (Brighton); Walter McNeil (Danville); Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Timothy Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland); 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); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Peter Keene (Topsham); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Andrea Dinneen (Waterford); Yves Daigle (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

Absent: Albany, Bloomfield, Brownington Brunswick Cabot, Charleston, Concord Corinth, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Maidstone, Marshfield, Morgan, Norton & UTGs, Peacham, Stannard, Victory

Staff present- Paul Tomasi

Libre Drouin- Minutes

Public- Sheila Herman

Updates to Agenda - Claude would like to add to other business updates on some items mentioned in September minutes. One being whether the town of Lyndon would support the salary of an attendant(s) at the transfer station on the days it is open for Lyndon. Another being the concerns over the “garbage juice” tested from the Coventry landfill.

Approval of Minutes - Moved to approve minutes of September 11th, as written. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Compost Bids for 2019 - The only proposal received was from the incumbent “Clouds Path Farm”, for the same amount as this past year, \$13.50/tote. The contract is for 3yrs with a notice that if rates need to be increased due to fuel cost etc., it will be done so through petition.

Moved to approve bid from clouds Path Farm for 2019 for \$13.50/tote contracted for 3yrs. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Public/Private Competition - Should the WMD continue servicing the Districts schools at a subsidized rate? Was the question at last month’s meeting. The District has never solicited business, only assisted when requested.

Irene from Derby feels if the WMD was not involved with some of her area’s schools they would not be participating & there wouldn’t have been services available.

Of the 29 schools in the District we are providing some type of service to 16. As of October 3rd, income from these services is \$7,001.

Many of the services provided by the WMD are not being provided by the private sector, i.e. food scrap collection.

Moved to continue providing services to schools, municipal offices, & other tax payer funded facilities, at the current rate. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Baler Purchase - The Executive Committee met twice last month, once for the annual budget & a special meeting to discuss an equipment purchase. It was agreed to purchase a new baler as the one at the transfer station was assessed as totaled after a malfunction a few weeks ago. Recycling Mechanical of New England brought 2 upright balers for us to use.

Moved to authorize Paul Tomasi to obtain a loan for new American horizontal auto-tie Baler, from Recycling Mechanical of New England, model 6042WS-930. In an amount not-to-exceed \$183,089 and an interest rate not-to-exceed 4.05%, for a length of 5yrs. 2nd, *Motion approved.*

It was discussed dollar amount for this purchase is included in the 2019 Draft budget.

2019 Draft Budget - Moved to approve 2019 Draft Budget for \$825,073.00. 2nd.

Moved to amend line #81 from \$35,000 to \$70,000. 2nd.
Hand count called 12N - 11Y
Amendment defeated.

Moved to amend line #81 from \$35,000 to \$45,00. 2nd.
Amendment defeated.

Moved to amend budget, transferring \$5000 from line #35 Education Outreach, to line #81 Capital Improvement. 2nd. *Amendment approved.*

Moved to amend budget, transferring \$4000 from line #39 Equipment Repairs-Baler, to line #81 Capital Improvement. 2nd. *Amendment approved.*

Moved to amend budget, eliminating line #52 Mileage, and transferring funds, \$4000, to Capital Improvement. 2nd. *Amendment defeated.*

Call to question original motion.
Motion Approved.

Moved to use the most current Department of Health Census for purpose of per capita assessment. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Legislative Committee - Tabled until next meeting.

Financial Updates - September was a good month; we ended the month in the black with revenues exceeding expenses by \$26,735.31. Additional grant money from the State of VT and strong surcharge revenues have helped improve the current financial situation.

Due to the baler being down and less efficient replacements the District has had to pay to have our materials sent off site for processing.

Other Business - Steve Gray does not feel the town of Lyndon would support an attendant at the transfer station.

The Waste District just received a property tax bill from the town for \$8,600. This is the first time ever that we have received a bill. Paul contacted our lawyer who told him not to pay it, and is drafting a letter to the town about the situation.

We don't have much new information about the leachate concerns at the Coventry landfill. Though there have been some new tests run, we are not sure what the results have been.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:50

Respectfully submitted,
Libre Drouin