

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

September 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order @ 7:04 p.m. by Joel Cope; Chair

Present: Nick Rivers (Albany); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Pat Austin (Charleston); David Isles (Concord); Bob Sanberg (Corinth); 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); Rebecca Hill Larson (Kirby); Derek Blankenship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gina Vigneault-via phone (Norton & UTGs); 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: Barnet, Cabot, Granby, Guildhall, Holland, Jay, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Morgan, Peacham, Stannard, Victory

Staff present- Paul Tomasi
Libre Drouin- Minutes

Updates to Agenda- Gaston would like it noted in the minutes how informational and well attended the attendant training went this afternoon.

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of August 14th, as amended. 2nd.
Motion Approved.

Steve Gray requested Libre Drouin be listed under staff in the minutes.

SWIP Amendment- Public meeting was held last month. The SWIP amendment is for a new recycling facility in the Town of Corinth located at 1184 Brooke Rd., a new Facility in the Town of Irasburg located at 928 Route 58 East, and updating the address of the facility in Danville located at 347 Peacham Rd.

Moved to accept SWIP as amended. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Legislative Committee- Paul would like to form another legislative committee. Although none of our suggestions were used in amending Act 148 he feels hopeful we can continue to be a voice for the NEK. He would like 5-6 people.

Jan Clausing, Pat Austin, Nick Rivers, Steve Gray & Dustin Sanville will serve as the committee. Dustin will be leaving later in the year; another volunteer may be needed at that time.

Public/Private Competition- There are occasionally situations where the District may be seen as competing with the private sector. The District has always followed an

unwritten policy of providing services [upon request] to schools, transfer stations, municipal offices and other public facilities when possible. This is often done as a subsidized service.

Pat Austin feels there are some situations where the Districts subsidized services may be affecting the ability of private haulers to perform these services.

Moved to have District charge enough to cover their costs should they provide services to schools, and other publically funded facilities. 2nd.

Motion rescinded. Agenda item will be tabled until next meeting so there may be more time to gather additional information.

Program Updates- Glass: The changes to the glass program have gone pretty well. Paul is hoping the decrease in acceptable items balances the increase in disposal costs. The District will now be charged \$150/ton for contaminated glass so it is very important we educate the public and all attendants regularly inventory the drums.

Lyndon Rubbish: With Lyndonville no longer holding a rubbish removal contract, and the District offering space in the yard for “Fast Trash” there has been an increase in indoor and outdoor traffic at the Lyndon transfer station. Is there a possibility of Lyndon picking up the cost of a new attendant to help with the walk-in traffic?

Compost Infrastructure: Looking good. If only 3 of the 4 possible new sites are functional there should be enough capacity to handle the organics in our District. The possible sites are: Ryegate, Newport/Derby, Kirby (Rt.2) and Albany. The District has been working with the Albany site for almost 2yrs and it is ready to pursue a permit.

Compost Regulations: The state has said they are currently working with chicken farmers to help them become compliant. Farmers used to be exempt from compost permitting if they were using food scraps as chicken feed. No one at the state level could decide who was responsible for regulating, the Agency of Natural Resources or the Dept of Agriculture. ANR decided to take over and began requiring permitting of farmers with more than 60 birds who used food scraps as feed. There will be one more public opportunity to discuss this issue before the updates to the Waste Management Rules are finalized. Paul feels this may be a good issue for the Legislative committee to address.

Financial Updates- Last month was pretty good, closed the deficit a bit. Recycling markets are down from last year but are not the worst we have seen. Our broker says September markets will be equivalent to August.

Revenues exceeded expenses by \$16,565.77 for the month ending August 31, 2018. for the year expenses exceeded revenues by \$21,441.22. Recycling markets have stabilized. We still have markets for everything we process.

Equipment repairs and workman’s comp insurance account for majority of current deficit.

Other Business- Gene Perkins attended the attendant training earlier in the evening and would like it to be noted that we should be thankful for all that is done at the Lyndon

facility for the battery program as far as sorting, labeling, packaging etc. At this point Lyndon is the only transfer station with a person trained in how to handle batteries for transport to “Call to Recycle”. If done correctly this is a money-making program.

Several of our Supervisors attended a panel discussion in Newport concerning Casella Wastes permit for the Coventry landfill.

Also in attendance was a spokesman from the group DUMP, a representative from ANR, a couple of spokes people from Canada (Memphremagog is used as a drinking water source by over 1000 Canadians) and a lawyer from the Conservation Law Association.

The meeting was well attended, with a general feeling that the state needs to take on more responsibility for the Coventry site as far as more types of tests & more regular testing. As well as having more sites available around the state.

There seems to still be a large concern over the leachate or “garbage juice” which is removed and processed through local sewage treatment plants. The concern is that these plants are not equipped to handle the types of toxins (i.e. heavy metals, pesticides) that are present in these fluids.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:20

Respectfully submitted,
Libre Drouin