

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 6:30PM via ZOOM
Lyndon Public Service Building, Main Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851**

Present: Nicholas Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Betty Ritter (Cabot); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Irene Dagesse & Fran Batchelder (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven), Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey Sr. (Groton); Dan Sanders (Jay); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gina Vigneault (Norton & UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Anne Quirion (Troy); and Richard Stodola (Waterford); and Jacques Couture (Westfield)

Absent: Barnet, Brighton, Brownington, Charleston, Concord, Corinth, Glover, Granby, Guildhall, Holland, Kirby, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Morgan, Peacham, Stannard, Topsham, Victory, and Westmore

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

Visitors – None

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair, Nick Rivers at approximately 6:34pm.

Updates to Agenda – none

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes of March 12, 2024, meeting as written. Motion 2nd. It should be noted that Ken Johnston of Greensboro attended the last 15 minutes of the meeting. Motion approved. A

Annual Meeting – A motion was made and 2nd to re-elect the current officers to the Executive Committee. Nick Rivers, Chair; Walter McNeil, Vice Chair; Paulette Routhier, Treasurer; Gene Perkins, Clerk; Jan Clausing, Member-At-Large; Steve Barrup, Member-At-Large; and Jack Smith, Member-At-Large. Motion passed.

Motion and 2nd to designate the Caledonian-Record as the newspaper of record. Motion passed

Motion and 2nd to hold meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 6:30pm. Motion passed.

Updates –

Financial – Paul quickly reviewed the notes regarding the Capital Improvement Fund.

There was a question regarding line item 69 in the Monthly Budget Comparison. This line item is for telephone and computer technology. The District has been trying to get all of our IT

systems up to speed and has spent more than budgeted in order to do this. Most of the work has been accomplished, but we will still have monthly maintenance costs accruing to this line item.

There was a brief discussion about the collection of the glasses from the solar eclipse. The District will be collecting them in Lyndonville, but not from the various recycling centers. Towns are encouraged to seek local means for reuse and/or recycling. They can contact the District if they cannot find a local outlet. The glasses accepted for reuse by Astronomers Without Borders are restricted to 2 manufacturers. Most of the glasses will be collected, the lenses removed, and the cardboard recycled.

Grants – The Organics Grant has been closed out and the final request for reimbursement has been submitted to VT DEC. There are no large grants on the horizon at this point, but we are always on the look-out for grant opportunities.

Programs- Still working on an open-house highlighting the foam densifier for May 2024.

Other Business – A question was raised regarding the review of the Administrative Rules. Paul is hoping to complete the corrections in time for the May meeting and report back to the Board.

There was a fair amount of discussion regarding the replacement of the Executive Director following his retirement, which was announced 6 months ago. The Board felt like the process should begin soon. Paul agreed to present the Board with a draft that outlines the process for the next meeting. Paul will also develop a document describing standard operating procedures that can be handed over to the new Executive Director.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd, approved @ 7:27pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi