

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 6:30PM via ZOOM
Video Conference Contact the Waste District for Meeting Code
In-Person Location – District Office 224 Church Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851**

The Board meeting was called to order @ 6:41 p.m. by Nicholas Rivers, Board Chair

Present: Nicholas Rivers (Albany); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Bruce Rumball-Petre (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Bob Sandberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Irene Dagesse (Derby); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Mike Nahmias (Groton); Darrell Martin (Holland); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg, in person); Dave Sanders (Jay); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark, in person); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock, in person); Emily Cayer (Stannard); Richard Stodola (Waterford); Jacques Couture (Westfield); and Miriam Simmonds (Westmore)

Absent: Barnet, Cabot, Charleston, Concord, East Haven, Granby, Greensboro, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Morgan, Norton, Peacham, Ryegate, Sutton, Topsham, Troy, UTGs, and Victory

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

Visitors –Shannon Choquette, minutes clerk. Jennifer Griffith and Stephanie Frisch, NEWMOA. Paul Hayes, Caledonian Record

Updates to Agenda – NEWMOA update, to be presented before Updates.

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of April 9, 2024, meeting as written. Motion 2nd. Motion approved.

NEWMOA Update – Jennifer Griffiths and Stephanie Frisch of the Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (NEWMOA) attended the meeting to give the Board an update on work on PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) with a presentation entitled “PFAS: What Is It? History, Toxicity, and Solutions”. Project with NEKWMD focused on consumer products and impact of PFAS from these products, and goal was to inform consumers about products with PFAS and ways to reduce PFAS. Factsheets on PFAS in various products have been produced, and NEWMOA conducted outreach in summer 2023 on PFAS in products. A guide for food service providers was also created. Presentation reviewed some introductory information about PFAS including chemical make-up, uses of PFAS and common products with PFAS, pollution of PFAS.

Updates –

Financial –

Question regarding IT services in budget – were these services concluded a few months ago?

These fees are from a monthly service contract with the IT company.

In the capital improvement fund, there was a different value last month comparison to this month. What happened to the funds?

The District borrowed some funds from the Capital Improvement Fund – once early in the year, and once last month. This fund is where money from the per capita assessment is placed; and is therefore, used to pay health insurance premiums. While the health insurance is accounted for separately, the funds are currently drawn from capital improvement fund.

Programs – HHW collection season began a month ago. We have updated the website and advertised in paper. Still struggling with EPS foam with ability to make ingots quickly enough. The District may need to consider hiring part time help for the summer to manage foam. Still waiting to get 2017 International back from box repair due to issues with latch on door. Now insurance appraisal company and company doing work are negotiating reasonable fee to fix this.

Executive Director Search – have not been able to focus much on search. Spoke with former Board chair for insights on previous experience in other organizations.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd, approved @ 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted, Shannon Choquette