

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

**August 13, 2019**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:05 p.m. by Nick Rivers, Vice-Chair

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Bruce Ruball (Brighton); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); Walter McNeil (Danville); Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); John Laferriere (Granby); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Timothy Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Joseph Noble (Holland); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); David Sanders (Jay); Rebecca Hill Larson (Kirby); Derek Blankenship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Claude Phipps (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Peter Keene (Topsham); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Otis McKinstry (Victory); Yves Daigle (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

**Absent:** Barnet, Brownington, Concord, Corinth, Guildhall, Lunenburg, Morgan, Newark, Norton, UTGs, Peacham, Stannard, Waterford

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi  
Minutes- Libre Drouin

**Updates to Agenda-** Pat Austin has a proposal he would like to discuss as well as looking for confirmation on who is allowed to use District facilities.

We will discuss as “Other Business”.

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve the minutes of June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as written. 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
*Motion Approved.*

Steve Gray requested minutes be revised [under Updates] to better reflect USDA grant. Full Board did not feel this necessary.

**Chair Resignation/Recognition-** As mentioned in the notes for July 2019, long time Chair Joel Cope has announced his resignation from the Board and representative for the Town of Brighton. Joel has been chair for the WMD since 1999, serving as a Supervisor since 1991.

\*Moved to recognize Joel’s years of service at the NEKWMD. 2<sup>nd</sup>

\*Moved to rescind vote. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

Discussion: Nick R. suggested we present him with a plaque.

Peter K. suggested we post in paper of record.

Gaston B. suggested we ask one of our Reps. to acknowledge his years of service.

Press release + recognition at State level.

\*Moved to allow Paul to coordinate recognition as discussed at Full Board. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

**Regional Impact Fee/In-State Landfill Capacity Policy/Long-term Planning-** Paul has been working primarily on Landfill Policy while he decides how to integrate Regional Impact Fee (RIF).

It was discussed at EC level to [possibly] not include RIF at this stage, as we may be able to present it at a later date as a solution to future landfill capacity discussions.

Walter McNeil mentioned at the EC meeting how he would like it to be on record somewhere, at State level, that the NEKWMD has been addressing issues and problems & discussing solutions early on.

Paul has asked the Board to really think about the Goals & Values section of document, we will resume discussion at the next meeting.

Pat A suggested the addition of diversion capacity (i.e. glass...) as well as landfill capacity.

Does the District transfer station need to look into how to accommodate larger haulers so we can limit the NEK's dependence on Chittenden or Coventry?

**Legislation 2020-** There is currently a legislative committee formed (Dustin S., Pat A., Jan C., & Steve Barrup also volunteered at the meeting). Paul will reach out to arrange a couple of meetings before Dustin leaves for Florida in October.

**Proposed Changes to Hauler Ordinance-** On pg. 9 Paul inserted language to support the food residuals hierarchy as originally constructed by the State.

Article 10- E & F: to allow the district to assess fees for haulers who do not pay on time.

Civil Penalties for violations have doubled.

\*Moved to vote on proposed changes to Hauler Ordinance as noted in Draft dated 8/8/19. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

Show of hands, 4 opposed

\*Moved to accept proposed changes to Hauler Ordinance. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Motion to be tabled until next meeting.**

**Updates- Financial, Grants, Host Town Agreement, Glass-** (taken from "Notes for August") Expenses exceed revenues by \$11,375.91 for the month ending July 31, 2019. For the year, expenses exceed revenues by \$27,674.51. Spending is running about 3% below budget; revenues are running 7% below budget.

There is a truck in the fleet that is un-inspectable due to structural rust. Paul would like to pay off existing truck loan & look into replacing un-inspectable vehicle.

Line #15-Miscellaneous- reflects glass [hauling] reimbursement.

Line #5- Per Capita Assessment- has been billed to towns but not paid yet.

We currently have 2 interest bearing loans out, the baler & a line of credit that was needed to cover costs while the baler was down. Paul can look into which one has a higher rate and pay it down first using grant monies.

Steve G. would like to see the grant used to pay down the baler & lower the per capita assessment.

Jack S. suggested we pay off the Line of Credit so we can remain in good standing should we need use a line of credit again.

Paul would like to see us pay ourselves back [with any remainder] what we borrowed from Capital Improvement, so we can update our truck fleet before it becomes an emergency.

**Other Business-** Pat A. would like NEKWMD to ask the District managers organization, “What is your vision/direction?”

We are requesting copies of agendas, minutes & budgets from the past 2-3 years to better assess how often our district is represented at meetings, and are our goals being taken seriously; or are discussions weighted towards Chittenden and/or larger populated districts. This will better help us decide if paying our membership fees to this organization is worth while.

NEKWMD does not oversee any transfer stations other than Lyndonville. It is a town by town decision whom they allow to use their facility. Statute dictates electronics must be accepted at permitted facilities weather they are from district members or not.

Due to time constrains we were not able to fully discuss member –vs. nonmember use of district facilities. This discussion will be resumed at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn @ 9:15

Respectfully submitted, Libre Drouin