

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

May 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. by Joel Cope; Chair

Present: William Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Joel Cope (Brighton); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston, Holland); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Batchelder & Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); John Laferriere (Granby); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Dustin Sanville (Irasburg); David Sanders (Jay); Rebecca Hill Larson (Kirby); Derek Blankenship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark); Claude Phipps & John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Tom Gilbert (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Otis McKinstry (Victory); Miriam Simonds (Westmore);

Absent: Albany, Brownington, Concord, Corinth, Guildhall, Lunenburg, Morgan, Norton, UTGs, Peacham, Topsham, Troy, Waterford

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Shannon Choquette
Minutes- Libre Drouin

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of April 9th, 2019, as corrected*. 2nd.
Motion Approved.

*Pat Austin is concerned the correction to the March minutes was not changed on the website, to reflect that the original motion **did not** carry.

Updates to Agenda- District Outreach Coordinator, Shannon Chouquette, recently contacted “Front Porch Forum” to inquire about membership fees for access to all community forums within the District, and was quoted approx. \$2000/yr. She is hoping instead, for supervisor support & volunteers to post District items [she will send them] regarding the NEKWMD events.

In-State Landfill Capacity Policy- Paul included in our mailing: NEKWMD Statement of Support - Publically Controlled Landfill Capacity dated 2/13/07, NEKWMD Statement of Support – In-State Landfill Capacity dated May 2019, to start discussion on if we could/will get behind an in-state landfill capacity.

Moved to discuss In-State Landfill Capacity. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Claude Phipps voiced concern the conclusion portion may not be strong enough.

Tom Gilbert feels we need to define our relationship with ANR & possibly sort out or define leadership roles. What does the state perceive as their role regarding this issue?

Bill Douglas feels we should be supporting diversion and alternatives. He doesn't necessarily support putting more landfills in VT.

Paul would like to keep our position neutral.

Jan Clausing suggested we send a pointed letter to ANR asking them to site 1-2 more sites in VT for a dump. The problem we perceive with this is that ANR may not see this as their job.

Whose job is it to research new technologies in waste recovery and use there of?

Paul feels the Regional Impact Fee may be the only true way to control the amount of out-of-state waste being dumped in Coventry.

Moved to continue moving forward on In-State Landfill Capacity Policy, ask Paul to re-evaluate May 2019 DRAFT, using discussion points from meeting. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Glass Recycling/Disposal- Chittenden Solid Waste District (CSWD) has been issued a Notice of Alleged Violation by the VT Agency of Natural Resources and the matter has been referred to the VT Attorneys General's office.

Paul is wondering what, if any, action our Board would want to take regarding this matter. He is concerned that actions like this throw a shadow over recycling and facilities across the state.

Tom G. would like to see the WMD be more pro-active about solutions for hard to recycle materials i.e. glass; using feasibility study grant funding.

Moved to have Paul contact NVDA, and/or other feasible entity, for feasibility study funds for glass; for value added market to benefit District. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Moved to direct Paul to ask our legal council what recourse we have regarding CSWD's alleged mismanagement of glass. 2nd. *Motion Approved.*

Updates – Financial, Grants, Baler, Property Tax, Legislation- At this point [on paper] it does not appear we are doing well financially. Expenses exceed revenues by \$9,162.72 for the month ending April 30, 2019. For the year, expenses exceed revenues by \$54,898.50.

The majority of this will be solved if and when we receive the USDA grant (\$50,000). Also, markets are currently poor.

Budget Comparison NEKWMD as of April 30, 2019: Pat A. would like to see line #68 Sale of Recyclables-Processing, broken down more specifically, so we can more easily track certain commodities, specifically glass costs.

There was a question with lines #76 & 77 Truck – Intl. - Diesel & Repairs with repairs being at 100.38%. There are 2 of 3 trucks in our fleet over 10yrs old. Paul would ideally like to purchase a new truck once we are finished paying off current loan(s).

There has been no word from the town of Lyndon regarding the property tax bill.

Paul receive a response from the Caledonian Record regarding the posting of our agendas in the “For the Record” section, and was informed only publically elected boards can post for free. Given our current budget state it doesn’t seem prudent to pay to post them. We are currently following all requirements without doing this.

Other Business- none

Motion to adjourn @ 8:47

Respectfully submitted, Libre Drouin