

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 10, 2019**

The meeting was called to order @ 6:04 p.m. by: Nick Rivers, Acting Chair

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Walter McNeil (Danville); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock)

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

**Supervisors present-** Pat Austin

**Updates to Agenda-** Host town agreement to be discussed under “Other Business”

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve the minutes of August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, as written. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved.*

**Regional Impact Fee (RIF)/In-State Landfill Capacity Policy/Long-Term Planning-** Paul met with the Town of Coventry and feels optimistic. He supplied the EC with an updated draft of the RIF dated 9/9/19.

Coventry stated they would like to see us begin by focusing on recycling before we jump other areas, i.e. the RIF would help offset the costs of recycling.

The next step is for Paul to contact Casella.

Walter McNeil felt this is a positive first step and definitely a move in the right direction. Paul has full support of the EC to continue moving forward.

**Other Business-** Paul was emailed by Justin Smith, asking about the Host Town Agreement.

Some of Paul’s thought are: \$2400 cap on compost fees & the District will not charge the town for providing an attendant on Lyndon’s walk-in days, as used to happen when Paul began working for the District.

In return he would like the Town to commit to sanding our parking lot a minimum number of times, the fee for using our meeting space stay fixed, & the property tax bill eliminated.

The Lyndon select board stated they are not able to vote on this agreement themselves & will need to bring it to a public vote. They have also said they would like discussion to happen in executive session. The EC was not sure why this would be an issue for Executive Session and would like to be put on the agenda.

Nick R., Paul & Walter McNeil will be attending the next select board meeting to discuss the terms of an agreement.

**Legislative Changes for 2020/ Discussion with Legislative Committee-** Paul would like to present Our Proposals for Changes to the Legislature, as written, & approved by the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors on March 2019.

Pat A. would like to see some type of “relief valve” to address situations where markets are not available for landfill banned items in accordance with Act 148.

It was felt among the board members that if the State is banning materials from landfill disposal, they should have some responsibility to provide facilities to process these materials; the obvious example being glass.

Moved to accept and recommend proposed Legislative changes presented at EC meeting.  
2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Accepted.*

Moved to adjourn @ 7:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Libre Drouin