

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

**February 11, 2020**

The meeting was called to order @ 7:01 p.m. by Nick Rivers; acting-Chair

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); William Douglas (Barnet); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Ben Davis (Cabot, Marshfield); Pat Austin (Charleston); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Batchelder & Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Joseph Noble (Holland); Derek Blankenship & Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark); Claude Phipps & John Narowski (Newbury); Gina Vigneault –via phone (Norton, UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Otis McKinstry (Victory); Richard Stodola (Waterford); Yves Daigle (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

**Absent:** Bloomfield, Brighton, Brunswick, Maidstone, Concord, Corinth, Granby, Groton, Guildhall, Jay, Kirby, Lunenburg, Morgan, Newport Town, Peacham, Stannard, Sutton, Topsham

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve minutes of January 14, 2020 with corrections.  
*2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Approved*

Clarification on 4<sup>th</sup> bullet, “He has submitted a hand written note . . . .” refers to Steve Gray not Claude, as they were both mentioned under that bullet.

Under the 5<sup>th</sup> bullet add an s to “per capita fee” and correct Steve Gray’s statement by adding a comma & the word not. It will read, “fees that were originally meant to pay off the baler, not to pay off the line of credit.”

**SWIP Amendment-** Per request Paul re-read the amendment with the Food Hierarchy [to Supervisors].

\*Moved to adopt SWIP amendment as written. *2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Approved*

Pat Austin has concerns the hierarchy could narrow the scope of economical options for food recovery in the future.

Our current SWIP will expire at the end of this year. It can be discussed at that time should the need arise.

**Hauler Ordinance-** Ordinance was already amended & approved by the Board several months ago. The statutorily required waiting period has expired with no public comment received.

\*Moved to adopt the Hauler Ordinance. *2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Approved*

**Line of Credit Renewal-** We will be paying off the LOC at the end of February. Paul feels it may be in our best interest to keep it open. The bank we are using has offered a lower rate, from 4.05 to 3.35%.

\*Moved to renew our Line of Credit for \$40,000 @ 3.35%, for a 1yr term, with Community Bank. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved*

**District Manager's Association (VSWDMA) Membership-** Paul forwarded copies of some responses we have received from some of the other District Managers in regards to our letter.

Paul has been told the Attorney General would be issuing a ruling about Chittenden's alleged mishandling of their glass, soon.

\*Moved to discontinue our membership with VSWDMA. 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Defeated*

**Hauler Exemption for the Collection of Recycling-** The District applied for this exemption 5yrs ago on behalf of our haulers to give them time to adjust to the provisions of Act 148.

It was discussed that it may be time to touch base with our hauling community again and make a decision about filing for another exemption after that.

**Updates: Financial-** expenses exceeded revenues by \$16,593.07. We did receive a check on February 3<sup>rd</sup> for slightly over this amount which should help our end of Feb. numbers look better. Our broker also indicated there may be a slight increase in cardboard coming soon.

**Regional Impact Fee (RIF)** – Paul will be attending a meeting with Casella on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> for a different topic, but hopes he may have an opportunity to discuss the RIF as well.

**Host Town Agreement-** Our legal council has been in touch with Will Baker, General Council for the Vermont Department of Taxes. Our council is in the process of drafting a letter to the Town of Lyndon which should be ready in the next week or so.

**Legislative Update-** Both environmental committees appear to be focused on Act 250 & water quality, as well as organics & glass. Paul feels Solid Waste issues may be taking a backseat this session.

He was able to e-mail Full Board a comprehensive chart of some legislative proposals relating to issues that may be of concern to us.

**Other Business-** The annual report is almost finished. Paul hopes to have it on the website within a week.

Motion to adjourn @ 8:30  
Respectfully submitted, Libre Drouin