

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

**November 10, 2020**

**Meeting held remotely via ZOOM**

The meeting was called to order @ 6:25 p.m. by Nick Rivers; Chair

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Pat Austin (Charleston); ); Bob Sandberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil (Danville); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey Sr. (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Gina Vigneault (Norton, UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock); Tom Gilbert (Stannard @ 7:15pm); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Richard Stodola (Waterford); and Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

**Absent:** Barnet, Brownington, Cabot, Concord, Derby, Granby, Guildhall, Jay, Kirby, Lunenburg, Maidstone, Marshfield, Morgan, Newark, Newbury, Newport Town, Peacham, Topsham, Victory, Westfield

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

**2021 Draft Budget** – Motion to approve the 2021 draft budget of \$809,527.00 as written, 2<sup>nd</sup>, discussion: Paul reviewed the revenue generating scenarios dealing with the surcharge, per capita assessment, and stop fees. These scenarios were provided to the Board on a handout at the October meeting. The proposed 2021 budget includes increases in the following revenue sources: surcharge up \$0.24/ton, per capita assessment up \$0.04/person, and stop fees up by \$4 & \$3/stop for facilities and schools, respectively. A roll-call vote was taken and the motion passed 20-3.

**Updates to the Agenda** – none.

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve minutes of October 13, 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was one correction in the “Updates to Agenda” section. The word “form” should read “from”. There was one other suggested change, but after reviewing the minutes it was determined unnecessary. *Motion Approved with correction.*

**Chittenden Solid Waste District – Landfill Permit Amendment Regarding Glass** – Paul provided a brief overview of the public meeting regarding Chittenden Solid Waste District’s (CSWD) permit amendments. Most participants agreed that the Vermont Attorney’s General’s (AG) office should conclude their investigation before ANR acts on the permit amendments. Pat Austin gave an overview of CSWD’s unpermitted use of glass in their closed landfill according to the permit amendment. Pat felt the public has been mis-led by how CSWD managed their glass. Nick Rivers mentioned the NEKWMD’s request to landfill glass in the summer of 2019, which ANR denied. Paul mentioned bringing this up at the next meeting of the Vermont Solid Waste District Manager’s Association (DM) scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020. Paul also speculated why he thought some Districts might not have a strong opinion on the matter – many Districts contract with private haulers to handle their single-stream recycling so they have very little control over what happens to their materials. Someone raised the question of how much glass was involved. Paul will follow-up at the next meeting.

**Updates:** Paul reviewed the “Notes for November 10, 2020 Meeting.” Paul provided a brief update of the ANR compost grant. Paul mentioned the possibility of working with Newport City Waste Water Treatment Facility to install an anerobic digester capable of receiving food wastes. NEK Community Compost had some issues in North Troy. Gaston Bathalon (Troy) is also the Town Health Officer. He contacted ANR and the property owner and the issue has since been resolved to the satisfaction of ANR and the Town of Troy. Gaston said his experience with ANR in dealing with this issue was very positive.

Paul informed the Board that he met with the Town of Lyndon’s Selectboard. The Town raised some concerns they had over the use of the per capita assessment funds. Paul also mentioned the Town of Lyndon’s desire to charge for composting. Paul said that the District is willing to work with the Town on that issue.

**Other Business-** none

Motion to adjourn @ ~7:22pm  
Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

*Note: There is an audio recording of the November 10, 2020 meeting. It is available upon request.*