

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

October 13, 2020

Meeting held remotely via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order @ 7:09 p.m. by Nick Rivers; Chair

Present: Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Pat Austin (Charleston, Holland); Bill Humphrey (Concord); Bob Sandberg (Corinth, Topsham); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Batchelder & Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey Sr. (Groton); Rebecca Hill-Larson (Kirby); Steve Gray (Lyndon); John Narowski (Newbury); Newport Center (Steve Barrup); Gina Vigneault (Norton, UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Richard Stodola (Waterford)

Absent: Barnet, Cabot, East Haven, Glover, Granby, Guildhall, Lunenburg, Maidstone, Marshfield, Morgan, Newark, Peacham, Stannard, Victory, Westfield, Westmore

Staff present- Paul Tomasi

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of September 8, 2020, 2nd. There was one correction at the end of the September minutes – “September 89” should read “September 8”. *Motion Approved with correction.*

Updates to the Agenda – Paul wanted to add 2 items to the agenda – (1) Authorization from the Board to make the payment of \$17,955.16 for the 2012 Freightliner truck from the Capital Improvement Fund due October 27, 2020, and (2) Authorization from the Board to make the payment of \$17,074.46 for the baler from the Capital Improvement Fund due November 16, 2020. Moved to authorize both payments, 2nd, motion approved.

2021 Draft Budget – Motion to approve the 2021 draft budget of \$809,527.00, 2nd, discussion: The issue of raises was discussed. Paul mentioned that raises were in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) – slightly higher over a one-year period, but lower over a 2-year period. It was noted that only one person received a raise in 2020. There was discussion regarding the use of revenues generated from the per capita assessment. It was noted that revenues in excess of the baler payment would be, and have been, placed in the Capital Improvement Fund (CIF). The handout “2021 Revenue Generating Scenarios – 9/23/20” was discussed. The Executive Committee voted 4-1 to recommend scenario #4 to the full Board. Scenario #4 proposes to balance the budget by generating a total of \$12,790 equally across increases in the stop fee, surcharge, & per capita assessment. There was some discussion about sharing the revenue generating scenarios with member towns before finalizing our budget. The Board discussed implementing fees for some services – household hazardous waste (HHW), compost, & freon-containing appliances. Donations for HHW and freon removal were also raised. Some concerns regarding the accounting for donations were raised. The District and the Board need to do a better job of explaining what people are getting for their money on an on-going basis. Motion to table budget discussion. No 2nd. Motion to “push” action on the 2021 draft budget to the November 10, 2020 meeting, 2nd, approved.

Chittenden Solid Waste District – Landfill Permit Amendment Regarding Glass – A public hearing has been requested and granted to discuss the pending amendments facility certifications that involve the landfilling of glass by the Chittenden Solid Waste District. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6pm through Microsoft Teams. Paul will send a notice of the meeting to all Supervisors. It was suggested that Paul ask the Agency during the meeting why our request to landfill approximately 15 tons of glass was denied, but CSWD will be allowed to landfill thousands of tons of material if the permit amendments are approved. Board members were encouraged to participate in the meeting if they have questions.

Updates: Paul reviewed the notes regarding finances and operational updates. The compost grant is still proving difficult. District staff are struggling to find a suitable location that is affordable. Paul mentioned a Hazard Pay grant opportunity that he will be pursuing. This program would provide payments to employees through their employer if they worked a minimum of 68 hours between March and May, 2020. Paul also mentioned the Local Government Expense Reimbursement (LGER) grant to reimburse the District for approximately \$20,000 in COVID19 related expenses incurred earlier this year.

Other Business- Steve Gray wanted an update regarding switching financial institutions for the next meeting. The District will be looking to move at least one loan from Community Bank to Passumpsic Bank, but Paul will look into the possibility of moving all of our loans to Passumpsic Bank.

Motion to adjourn @ ~8:21pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

Note: There is an audio recording of the October 13, 2020 meeting. It is available upon request.