

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

**September 8, 2020**

**Meeting held via ZOOM**

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

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bob Sandberg (Corinth, Topsham); Walter McNeil (Danville); Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey Sr. (Groton); Joseph Noble (Holland); Gaston Bathalon (Jay, Troy); Rebecca Hill-Larson (Kirby); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Claude Phipps (Newbury); Newport Center (Steve Barrup); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Richard Stodola (Waterford)

**Absent:** Barnet, Bloomfield, Brunswick, Brownington, Cabot, Concord, Granby, Guildhall, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Morgan, Newark, Norton, Peacham, Stannard, UTGs, Victory, Westfield, Westmore

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi

**Updates to the Agenda** – None.

**Approval of Minutes-** Moved to approve minutes of June 9, 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Motion Approved*

**Compost Grant -** Paul indicated that he was having a difficult time finding a potential compost site. He and Shannon Choquette (Outreach Coordinator) visited a site in Glover. The Glover site has potential, but would never be able to handle more than 10-15 tons of material per week. Paul and Shannon met with “Keep It Green” (KIG), a compost hauler from Albany, VT. KIG is considering purchasing several acres of land in Irasburg that has the potential to be developed as a large-scale facility. KIG’s purchase and development of their site would be outside the scope of the grant, but could serve most of the needs of the northern part of the District if developed. Pat Austin asked if the District has pursued a food transfer facility. Paul said he has not, but would get information from the Greater Upper Valley Waste District as they have recently received grant money to develop such a system.

**Compost Collection Services – Lyndonville Facility** – Paul told the Board that we could go out to bid, but we may want to stay with our current contractor for another year and go out to bid next year. There was discussion amongst the Board and it was generally felt that we should delay any action on this until the next meeting. Paul will reach out to the incumbent to see if they have plans to raise fees in 2021.

**Updates: Financial-** Recycling markets remain low, but mixed paper prices are expected to increase \$5/ton in September. We ended the month of August with revenues in excess of expenses by \$880. Paul noted that scrap metal prices have gone up slightly since the previous month.

**Operational** – The District is having trouble moving plastic films (grocery bags and ag-film). Trucking has been slow and difficult to schedule sometimes. We are still having issues with the Freightliner (truck) we purchased last November. The District is still pursuing switching banks – from Community to

Passumpsic. Steve Gray raised a question regarding “Education/Outreach” in the budget. He wondered why it went up by \$1,800 in August. Paul was not sure but thought it might be grant related.

**Legislative Update** – The Legislature is considering increasing the grant pass-thru amount from 17-25% from the Solid Waste Management Assistance Fund (SWMAF) – will not be taken up until January 2021. There may be some discussion about raising the landfill tax. It was unclear what the increase might be. Paul will continue to monitor the situation once the legislature reconvenes in January.

**Other Business-** There was some discussion regarding the collection of freon-containing appliances in Orleans County. Paul will reach out to the Town of Morgan to find out if they will accept these appliances from non-Morgan residents. Paul also will raise the issue of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) with the District Manager’s Association.

Motion to adjourn @ ~7:10pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

*Note: There is an audio recording of the September 89, 2020 meeting. It is available upon request.*