

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

June 8, 2021

Meeting held remotely via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order @ 6:38 p.m. by Nick Rivers, Chair

Present: Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); Bill Douglas (Barnet); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bill Humphrey (Concord left early and returned); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Fran Batchelder (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Tim Dailey, Sr., (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland, Morgan); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Steve Barrup, (Newport Town); John Narowski (Newbury); Gina Vigneault (Norton, UTGs); Gene Perkins, (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Emily Cayer (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Megan Clark, (Topsham); Richard Stodola (Waterford); and Miriam Simonds (Westmore).

Absent: Bloomfield, Brownington, Brunswick, Cabot, Corinth, Granby, Guildhall, Jay, Kirby, Lunenburg, Maidstone, Marshfield, Newark, Peacham, Troy, Victory, Westfield.

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

Updates to the Agenda – none

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of May 11, 2021, 2nd. Minutes approved.

ANR Infrastructure Grant (Truck) – Paul reviewed the Request for Bids (RFB) process and development with the Board. A motion was made and 2nd to release the RFB for a new truck. Motion passed.

NEKWMD Organics Infrastructure Grant – Paul explained to the Board that although he originally wanted to move all of the projects forward under one motion, after a meeting with Pat Austin, there was a need for more information for 2 of the 4 proposals. Paul explained the scoring for the project and the rubric used in scoring. A motion was made and 2nd to accept the project of Cloud's Path Farm in the amount of \$21,982. Motion passed. Paul informed the Board that final project dollar amounts may change because of the long period of time since proposals were received. A motion was made and 2nd to approve the project of Kingdom View Compost in the amount of \$19,750. Motion passed. Paul will provide the Board with detail on the remaining 2 projects for the next meeting – Black Dirt Farm and MarJo Acres.

Updates:

Financial – May was a good month for surcharge revenues and price increases for commodities. There was a question regarding how the SWIP grant monies could be spent. Paul explained that SWIP grant monies can be spent on anything related to the SWIP. We have typically spent the monies on hazardous waste and composting related expenses.

Plastic Film – Our bales of plastic bags were not well received. The company in Ontario (EFS) said there were too many double-laminates. The simplest way to describe a double-laminate is

that is does not stretch well pulled apart. There was a fair amount of discussion as to whether or not we should continue accepting plastic film. The subject will be placed on the next agenda for the Board's consideration. We may still be able to ship one load of material to Texas, but it is likely we will have to landfill the accumulated ag-film bales, which are over 2 years old. Paul estimates about 40 tons of material may need to be landfilled if no market for the material can be identified. There is a need for more education of the public if we are to continue to collect it.

CSWD Glass Settlement/SEP – The Vermont Attorney General's Office has approved 2 projects as part of the CSWD glass settlement. One of the projects is approximately \$64,000 for Green-Up Vermont, and the other is approximately \$60,000 to place for cooler units throughout the State in an effort to recover food that can still be consumed by humans. One of the units is to be placed somewhere in the NEK.

Ordinance – An older version of our Ordinance will be used to include language that would require facilities to report monthly to the District. This will be placed on the agenda for next meeting if time allows. Casella is in the process of permitting a facility that would accept single-stream recycling and ship it to a processing facility.

Legislation – A bill to expand the bottle bill was passed by the House of Representatives, but was not taken up by the Senate. The Senate will take up the bill once the new session begins in 2022. S102 was passed by both chambers and signed into law by the Governor. S102 allows chicken farms to continue accepting food scraps without a permit from ANR until they reach an annual threshold of 2000 cubic yards.

Other Business - none

Motion to adjourn, 2nd, approved @ 7:27pm
Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

Note: There is an audio/video recording of the June 8, 2021 meeting. It is available upon request.