

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

March 9, 2021

Meeting held remotely via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order @ 6:04 p.m. by Nick Rivers; Chair

Present: Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bob Sanberg (Corinth @ 6:27pm); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Irene Dagesse* (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Tim Dailey Sr. (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland, Morgan); Dave Sanders (Jay); Rebecca Hill-Larsen (Kirby); Steve Gray (Lyndon); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Jan Clausing* (Newark); Gina Vigneault (Norton, UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Megan Clark (Topsham); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Richard Stodola (Waterford); and Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

Absent: Barnet, Cabot, Concord, Granby, Greensboro, Guildhall, Lunenburg, Maidstone, Marshfield, Peacham, Stannard, Victory, Westfield

*Although Derby and Newark representatives were present, they both had difficulties with their connections at various points during the meeting. Therefore, they were not counted towards the quorum.

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

Updates to the Agenda – none

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of February 9, 2021, 2nd. Minutes approved.

NEKWMD Organics Infrastructure Grant – Paul explained that 5 proposals were received, but additional information was needed by the evaluation committee before a decision can be made. VT ANR has granted an extension of the deadline to June 1, 2021. Therefore, the Board can take action at the April 13, 2021 meeting.

Lyndon Property Tax Case – Executive Session with Daniel Richardson, Legal Counsel – A motion was made and 2nd to enter Executive Session to discuss the Tax Case with Legal Counsel. Steve Gray (Lyndon) recused himself from the Executive Session. Motion passed. Steve Gray was placed in the virtual waiting room for the entirety of the Executive Session. The Board entered Executive Session at 6:15pm. The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:55pm. Steve Gray was readmitted to the meeting. No action was taken.

2021 Proposed Budget – Motion to approve the 2021 budget in the amount of \$809,527.00, 2nd. Paul explained to the Board that 2 public hearings were held on February 18, 2021 and February 25, 2021. There were no attendees at either meeting. No comments were received, oral or written, regarding the 2021 proposed budget. Paul reviewed the budget approval process that was allowed by the Legislature for 2021 only. Because of the nature of the vote and the restrictions imposed by ZOOM, it was decided that a roll-call vote would be the most accurate method for voting on the budget. There were no other comments or questions regarding the budget. The roll-call vote yielded 29 votes in favor, 1 vote

opposed, and no abstentions. Derby and Newark were included in the budget vote because their connections were working properly at the time of the budget vote. Motion approved.

Updates:

Financial – Paul answered questions regarding the February budget comparison. Paul reviewed pricing for plastic and cardboard, both of which have increased. Paul also mentioned an increase in costs associated with glass processing.

Grants - Paul updated the Board on the submission of a grant application to purchase a new vehicle estimated at \$100,000. The grant would provide 40% of the cost or approximately \$40,000. Paul mentioned pursuing USDA funding to help offset more of the cost of a new vehicle. Paul outlined the process for financing the remaining amount of the vehicle cost if we were unsuccessful in obtaining additional grant dollars. Paul estimates a \$10,000 down-payment from the Capitol Improvement Fund and financing the remaining balance over a 3-year period at approximately \$17,500 per year, which is roughly equivalent to what we were paying for the last 2 vehicles we purchased.

CSWD Glass Settlement/SEP – Paul explained to the Board that he had reached out to VT ANR regarding the proposed SEP. The response received simply stated that a proposal was submitted by CSWD late last week and ANR was in the process of considering it. The actual due date for the SEP proposal was March 4, 2021. The SEP is approved through a process that involves ANR and the VT Attorney General's office.

Other Business – Paul confirmed that our Annual Meeting is scheduled for the April 2021 meeting.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:13pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

Note: There is an audio/video recording of the March 9, 2021 meeting. It is available upon request.