

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

April 13, 2021

Meeting held remotely via ZOOM

The meeting was called to order @ 6:05 p.m. by Nick Rivers, Chair

Present: Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg); William Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield & Brunswick); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bob Sanberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Irene Dagesse & Fran Batchelder (Derby); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Tim Dailey Sr. (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland, Morgan); Dave Sanders (Jay); Steve Gray & Marcus Berry (Lyndon); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gina Vigneault (Norton, UTGs); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); and Richard Stodola (Waterford)

Absent: Cabot, Concord, East Haven, Granby, Greensboro, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Maidstone, Marshfield, Newark, Peacham, Stannard, Topsham, Victory, Westfield, Westmore

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

Updates to the Agenda – none

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

Annual Meeting, Election of Officers – Current officers were asked if they wished to continue serving. All answered in the affirmative. A motion was made to move the current slate of officers forward for 2021, 2nd, motion approved. The officers for 2021 are Nick Rivers, Chair; Walter McNeil, Vice Chair; Paulette Routhier, Treasurer; Gene Perkins, Clerk; Jack Smith, Joe Noble, and Steve Barrup, Members-at-Large.

NEKWMD Organics Infrastructure Grant – Paul provided the Board with an update of the process. 5 proposals were received. ANR originally wanted to fund 1-2 proposals. The District wanted to fund 3. ANR agreed to fund the 3rd project; however, the top 3 projects only totaled approximately \$140,000. Therefore, ANR agreed to allow funding of all 5 proposals up to the \$250,000 grant allotment. Paul explained that some requests were not eligible for grant funding and some projects would not receive full funding. The NEKWMD Board will have the final say on which projects will be funded and to what extent. Paul will bring a summary of projects to the Board for the May 11th, 2021 meeting. P. Austin asked how facilities will be held accountable. Paul said that those hauling organics will be folded into our current audit process. Facilities themselves will be subject to reporting requirements. Paul will look into our ordinance to see if any changes need to be made regarding facility oversight. W. McNeil provided the Board with an update of the proposal evaluation process. There was no vote required at this time.

Plastic Film Update – The District is still unable to find a market for plastic film. We are running out of storage space. It's been about a year since we moved a load of plastic film. We will need to make a decision at the May meeting. Paul will provide the Board with a summary of how much material we have and whether or not we can ship the material to an incinerator in Maine.

Updates:

Financial – Paul informed the Board that the District was notified that our grant application to ANR was approved. The grant is intended to purchase a new vehicle estimated at approximately \$100,000. The grant is intended to cover 60% of the cost of a new vehicle (not-to-exceed \$60,000). The District is also pursuing monies associated with the federal American Rescue Plan Act and USDA Rural Development grants.

Paul reviewed pricing for commodities, most commodity prices have increased steadily over the last several months.

CSWD Glass Settlement/SEP – Paul explained to the Board that he had reached out to VT ANR regarding the proposed SEP. There is no significant progress to report.

In-Person Meeting Possibility – The Governor’s Office has issued guidance on in-person meetings for public bodies. It appears as if July 4, 2021 could be the date at which the State of Emergency might be lifted. Until that time, the District will continue to meet via ZOOM. We may include this topic for the June 2021 meeting.

Bottle Bill – There is a proposal in the legislature that would add materials to the list of items subject to the bottle bill – specifically wine, water, and sports drinks. It is unclear at this point whether or not the bill will pass.

Other Business – none.

Motion to adjourn @ 7:07pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

Note: There is an audio/video recording of the April 13, 2021 meeting. It is available upon request.