

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

February 8, 2022

Meeting held remotely via ZOOM and

The District Office at 224 Church Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851

The Board meeting was called to order @ 6:35 p.m. by Nick Rivers, Chair

Present: Nick Rivers (Albany & Irasburg); William Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick); Bruce Rumball-Petre (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bob Sanberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Fran Batchelder (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Timothy Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland & Morgan); Dave Sanders (Jay); Steve Gray and Marcus Berry (Lyndon); Amy Pear (Maidstone); Jan Clausung (Newark); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gina Vigneault (Norton & UTGs); Gene Perkins, (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock in person); Emily Cayer (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Megan Clark (Topsham); Richard Stodola (Waterford); Jake Couture (Westfield), Miriam Simonds (Westmore).

Absent: Cabot, Concord, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Peacham, Troy, and Victory.

Staff present- Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

Visitors – Amy Ash -Nixon, Caledonian-Record

Updates to the Agenda – None.

Approval of Minutes- Moved to approve minutes of December 14, 2021 2nd, approved.

2022 Budget Vote – The NEKWMD needed to pursue a legislative remedy for the 2022 budget vote similar to last year when towns were allowed to move their town meeting dates. The Vermont House and Senate have both approved H693, which allows the NEKWMD Board to once again approve the annual budget.

It was moved to move the annual meeting of the District from the first Tuesday in March (03/01/22) to the 2nd Tuesday in March (03/08/22) for the purpose of having the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors consider the 2022 budget and schedule a public hearing on the 2022 budget for February 24, 2022, 2nd, approved.

It was moved to have the NEKWMD Board of Supervisors consider the 2022 budget at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 8, 2022, 2nd, approved

Lyndon/NEKWMD Host Town Agreement – Paul reviewed the host town agreement for those not able to see it on the screen. It was moved to approve the Host Town Agreement between the Town of Lyndon & the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District, 2nd, approved with one abstention (Lyndon).

Paul also reviewed the “Settlement Agreement and Proposed Order” which shall be submitted to the Caledonia Superior Court to clarify the NEKWMD tax status.

It was moved to approve the Settlement Agreement and Proposed Order, 2nd, approved with one abstention (Lyndon)

2021 Surplus – Paul briefed the Board on the available surplus from 2021. The District ended 2021 with a surplus of approximately \$74,000. Paul will provide the Board at their March 8, 2022 meeting with a list of possible items on which to spend the surplus. Some things that are being considered include employee disability and life insurance, upgrades to our telephone system, repair/resurfacing of the driveway out back, and retiring of debt. There was also the mention of standardizing locks at all facilities so our truck drivers do not have to carry large key rings that are frequently changing.

Expanded Polystyrene Recycling – Paul showed the Board a brief slide show presentation on the recycling of expanded polystyrene foam – what most people refer to as Styrofoam. District Outreach Coordinator, Shannon Choquette, has been in contact with the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA – Chichester, NH)) and an interested citizen, Cindy Heath, of Hanover, NH. The District subsequently contacted by Foam Recycling, Augusta, NJ. Louis Troiano of Foam Recycling provided the District with a brief slide show of the process. Paul reviewed the slide show with the Board. It was decided that there is interest in pursuing this further, and Mr. Troiano will be invited to a future Board meeting to provide more detail on the program/process.

Updates –

Financial – Paul informed the Board that the District is in very sound financial condition entering 2022. Revenues exceed expenses by approximately \$37,000 at the end of January 2022. Recycling markets remain strong, and the District delayed receipt of a grant reimbursement in order to position itself better entering 2022. Paul informed the Board that he felt recycling markets would remain strong based on articles in various trade publications.

Organics Grant – The District has finalized a contract with Black Dirt Farm (Stannard), and is working to finalize the contracts with the three remaining bidders. The contract with Tamerlane Farm (Lyndonville) is finished and just needs to be executed. The remaining 2 bidders – Cloud’s Path (Sheffield) and Mar-Jo Acres (Irasburg) should have contracts in place by the March 8, 2022 Board meeting.

Other Business – none.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd, approved @ 7:29pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi