

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

**November 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 @ 6:39 p.m. by Nick Rivers, Chair

**Present:** Nick Rivers (Albany & Irasburg); William Douglas (Barnet); Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick, Maidstone); Bruce Rumball-Petre (Brighton); Lila Stevens (Brownington); R.D. Eno (Cabot); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Irene Dagesse (Derby); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Joe Noble (Holland & Morgan); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Jan Clausing (Newark – in person); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gene Perkins (Ryegate – in person); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock – in person); Emily Cayer (Stannard); Elizabeth Hubbard (Sutton); Sue & Calvin Altland (Topsham); Gaston Bathalon (Troy & Jay); Richard Stodola (Waterford); Jacques Couture & Richard Degre (Westfield), and Miriam Simonds (Westmore)

**Absent:** Charleston, Concord, Corinth, East Haven, Glover, Granby, Groton, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Newbury, Norton, Peacham, UTGs, and Victory

**Staff present-** Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

**Visitors** – none

**Updates to the Agenda** – none

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes of October 11, 2022. There should be a paragraph break after “The motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to table the discussion until December were withdrawn.” In the section regarding the Charter Amendment Process. The way it currently reads makes it appear that a roll-call vote was taken to table the motion. That was not the case. Motion approved with 1 abstention.

**Renewal of Line of Credit** – Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to renew the line of credit. Paul explained this has been used in emergency situations in the past. Question: When does the interest rate run out? Answer: It already has. Question: What is the interest rate? Answer: 4.73% Question: Will it go up? Answer: No, it is a fixed rate. Interest only accrues if we use and on the amount we use. Question: Would rates be different from different banks? Answer: When we switched banks part of the reason was because of the lower interest rate. All rates are increasing. If this was a loan for a piece of equipment, we would shop around for the best rate. Motion Approved

**2023 Draft Budget** – Motion & 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the 2023 draft budget in the amount of \$885,280. Paul apologized for presenting the Board with the incorrect budget figure at the October meeting. The cost for Workers Comp. insurance was left out (\$27,500). The 2023 proposed budget represents an increase of 4.5% compared to the 2022 budget. The net increase in the proposed 2023 budget is \$38,664.50. For comparison, Addison County Solid Waste District’s proposed 2023 budget is increasing by 17%. Question: Is the Board vote to send this budget to the towns for Town Meeting? Answer: Yes. Question: Where is the Styrofoam funding in the budget? Answer: That dollar amount is not in the budget, but

could be purchased through the Capital Improvement Fund. We are still looking into grant funds.  
Motion Approved.

### **Updates –**

**Financial** – The running surplus has narrowed. This is primarily due to quarterly payments made in October. There should not be as many in November. Paul believes we will end the year with a small surplus. Markets are poor. Plastics have begun to move, but we only received \$20/ton for it.

**Expanded Polystyrene Recycling** – Question: Will Styrofoam help us make up any budget shortfall or generate steady revenue for us? Answer: While there seems to be a good market for Styrofoam, the weight will not be sufficient to generate large amounts of revenue. Question: Does the small amount of revenue justify the purchase of the foam densifier? Answer: The Board will need to weigh in on that in January. The purpose was to keep this material out of the landfill. Question: Why is it taking so long to get other towns involved in the program? Answer: Storage at the Lyndonville facility, space at other District locations, whether or not adding foam will add to the number of stops at a particular location. The District is hoping to be able to add more location to accept Expanded Polystyrene Foam in the near future. Towns will be added as we are able to accommodate them. Question: Are there other machines we should be considering? Answer: If they are out there, we should look at them before purchasing what we have.

**Organics Grant** – Nick, Walter, and I met with Cloud's Path Farm on Thursday, November 3, 2022. Paul felt the meeting went very well. In preparation of the meeting, Paul recognized some exchanges with Cloud's Path where things became confusing. The District acknowledged that at the meeting and Paul promised to get Cloud's Path the most recent version of the Grant Agreement and Contract by Friday, November 11, 2022.

**Clothing** – Shannon has been in touch with Apparel Impact and a number of District Towns have been identified as collections points. Additional towns may be added. Town interested in collecting clothing should reach out directly to Shannon.

### **Other Business -**

**Charter Amendment** – The Board will vote on the proposed Charter Amendment at the December 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Paul encouraged all Supervisors to attend. The District will be reaching out to try and get more towns to participate. Question: How many towns don't have representatives? Answer: Concord was the only town currently without a Supervisor. Paul told the Board he would look at the total number of Supervisors prior to the December meeting to ensure an accurate vote count. Question: Is the plan to vote on the proposed charter amendment until it passes? Answer: No. There were just enough Supervisors to conduct a vote, but a number of towns were still absent, so the District will attempt to get more Supervisors to attend the December meeting.

**Parking Lot** – The District has filled in several holes in the parking lot and has a little more work to do.

Motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved @ 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

There is a video/audio recording of the November 8, 2022 meeting. It is available upon request.