

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

December 14, 2021

Meeting held remotely via ZOOM and

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

The public hearing for the budget was called to order @ 6:00 p.m. by Paul Tomasi, Executive Director

The Board meeting was called to order @ 6:36 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 – could not be heard on call); Pat Austin (Charleston); Bob Sanberg (Corinth – could not be heard on call); Walter McNeil Jr. (Danville); Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Jack Sumberg (Glover); Timothy Dailey, Sr. (Groton); Joe Noble (Holland & Morgan); Dave Sanders (Jay); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Amy Pear (Maidstone); 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 – joined @ 6:48pm); Gaston Bathalon (Troy); Richard Stodola (Waterford); and Jake Couture (Westfield).

Absent: Cabot, Granby, Greensboro, Guildhall, Kirby, Lunenburg, Marshfield, Newark, Peacham, Topsham, 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 November 9, 2021, 2nd, approved.

Updates –

Financial – Paul informed the Board that after 2 consecutive months of expenses exceeding revenues, November saw revenues exceed expenses by \$28,284.14. Recycling markets remain strong. Some softening of commodity prices has occurred, but pricing remains near historic highs for most materials. Paul mentioned his participation in a recent webinar that indicated recycling markets should remain strong well into 2022. The District is entering 2022 in a very strong financial position. Paul mentioned bringing forward in January possible proposals for any District surplus.

Lyndon Property Tax – Paul informed the Board that the Town of Lyndon had taken up the matter at their last Selectboard meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021. The Town had some minor changes, but we have not seen what those are. Paul was hopeful we would find out more following Lyndon’s next Selectboard meeting, which is scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2021. The District Board and the Town of Lyndon Selectboard. Paul is hopeful this can be completed by our January 2022 meeting.

Organics Grant – The District is working to finalize the contracts with the four bidders and also maximize the use of the entire \$250,000. Paul is hopeful the contracts will be completed by January 15,

2022. One contract has been signed (Black Dirt Farm). The District is waiting for VT DEC to develop a lease agreement we can use for purchases of capital equipment as part of the grant.

Plastic Film - The District has been successful in moving 2 loads of plastic film. The District attempted to move a 3rd load on December 7, 2021; however, icy conditions prevented us from being able to load the truck. The load was rescheduled to ship on December 16, 2021. Paul estimates we will have about a 3rd of a load remaining once the next load has been shipped. We may try to combine a load with the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District, landfill the remaining amount, or ship in the spring. The District is not currently accepting any plastic film for recycling. Paul explained that one of the previous loads of film went to Texas and the other to Ontario (CA). The 3rd load is scheduled to also go to Ontario. The broker ultimately determines the final destinations of our materials. The District will be exploring the possibility of taking plastic film in 2023.

Other Business – The District has introduced new tire pricing for 2022. A third category of tire pricing has been added. The smallest tire range includes tires equal to or less than 18” and remains unchanged for 2022 at \$3.00/tire off the rim and \$6.00/tire on the rim. The next range is tires of 19” up to and including 25”. These will be billed at \$9.00/tire off the rim and \$18.00/tire on the rim. The next category includes tires equal to or great than 25.5”. These tires will be billed at \$20.00/tire off the rim and \$40/tire on the rim. This pricing shall take affect January 1, 2022. Towns and large quantity generators of tires can still pay by the ton for tires. The new rate in 2022 will be \$180/ton. This is an increase from \$130/ton (38%). Paul shared a tire pricing sheet with the Board and will be mailing this sheet to all of the District Towns.

The Public Meeting for the 2022 Draft Budget was closed @ 6:54pm – no comments were received.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd, approved @ 6:54pm

Respectfully submitted, Paul Tomasi

Note: There is an audio/video recording of the December 14, 2021 meeting. It is available upon request.