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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING

June 5, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	MeiMei Brown	Poultney	
Castleton		Proctor	Charlie Nichols
Clarendon	Nancy Buffum	Rutland City	
Danby			Robert Allen
Hubbardton			Paul Barbagallo
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	Richard Crowley
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford	Daniel White	West Rutland	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Wennberg	District Manager	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Deane Wilson	RCSWD		

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:33 p.m. Chairman Mr. Nichols called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. Wennberg asked that an overdue account item be added as 4A.

Mr. Allen moved that the agreement with above suggestions be accepted. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

2. MINUTES OF MAY 1,2002

Mr. Crowley moved that the minutes be accepted. Ms. Brown provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, APRIL 2002

Mr. Wennberg stated that April financial statement reflects that the projections for the year are on target. All departments are doing well. There was one change the auditors requested. Ms. Segale explained that the Fuller account in the amount of \$56,000 for grinding the concrete was listed as an expense. The auditors asked that

Mr. Crowley moved to accept the April financial statement. Ms. Brown provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. AUTHORIZATION FOR NEW BANK ACCOUNT-JOYCE SEGALE

Ms. Segale explained that a new money market account was investigated to insure that funds in any one-district account do not exceed the insured amount of \$100,000. Both Merchants and Factory Point were compared. There were a few differences; the noticeable item was the interest accounts at both were below 2%. Mr. Crowley asked if the money market accounts accessible through a broker had been investigated. These accounts were believed to be insured and were paying closer to 4% interest. Ms. Segale said that she would look into it and report back to the board.

#### 4A. OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

Mr. Wennberg stated that Mr. Densmore had concerns regarding the proposal to impose finance charges on overdue accounts, but unfortunately couldn't be at tonight's meeting to discuss it further. Mr. Wennberg proposed that a vote be deferred on whether to impose interest charges on past due accounts. Ms. Segale asked if a vote could be taken tonight on the second part of the proposed policy change which states the District would suspend the charge privilege to any customer whose account was 45 days overdue. Mr. Allen so moved. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 5. REPEAL OF CURBSIDE TAX (see memo)

Mr. Wennberg explained the history of the tax and the current financial position of the District. The curbside tax was administratively a headache and the repeal of the tax would be a loss of \$6700 for the remainder of this year. Mr. Barbagallo asked who the customers were and if they would see any savings. Mr. Wennberg explained that the tax applied only to Rutland City and once the tax was repealed, the haulers would be notified first, with the explanation that the District planned on advertising the tax repeal. But ultimately it was up to the hauler whether any discounts would appear on the bills. Ms. Brown stated that it was important to publicize the fact that the curbside tax had been discontinued.

#### 6. PERSONNEL POLICY AMENDMENT (see memo)

Mr. Wennberg stated that the memo was mostly a housecleaning concern that was noticed before the personnel policy was distributed. Mr. Wennberg explained that the pay period and distribution of paychecks was changed when he came on board to provide an adequate time frame for the paperwork to be processed. In review of the personnel policy, it was noted there was a discrepancy. Mr. Wennberg asked that the board approve an amendment to the personnel policy to reflect the current distribution of payroll. Mr. Barbagallo asked if a bi-weekly pay period could be implemented. It was decided that the current pay period would stand. Mr. Allen moved that the personnel policy be amended as worded with Mr. Wennbergs memo. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

#### OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#### 7. SCALE HOUSE OPERATIONS – DAVE PETTY

Mr. Petty provided a description of his responsibilities. Ms. Brown asked if any public had complained about the noise level at the transfer station. In researching the cannon effort of the high school sports events, she noticed distinctive backup alarm from the transfer station. Mr. Wennberg stated that there hadn't been any complaints about noise. There have been complaints about odors, but attempts were always made to minimize any potential odor sources.

#### 8. AMEDNDED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN – *ILLEGAL DISPOSAL* POLICY DISCUSSION

Mr. Maier was introduced. The State Solid Waste Plan was discussed. With the States requirements a number of issues need to be addressed. One option is to pass an ordinance concerning the related topic. If this is not preferred than the State ask how the issue will be dealt with. It was suggested that the District would draft a policy and the Board would then review it. Discussion followed on the Addison SWD policy of dealing with this issue and how it was handled at the decision stages. A few

of the Board members questioned why the District needed to address this issue and it should be left at the town level. Ms. Brown stated that an ordinance would be very helpful. Mr. Crowley said that if the District were to develop a policy on this issue, that the towns will have to agree to participate and also some form of financing available from the State to offset expenses. Mr. Nichols asked that the District research what each town does now for enforcement. Mr. Crowley asked that it be explained how the policy would be enforced and what is wanted at the town level. Mr. White stated that something should be done and this may be the resource to accomplish it. Ms. Brown asked what the time frame was for developing a policy and ordinance. Mr. Wennberg stated that the Districts implementation plan states we only need to say how the District will address the issue. The rewrite of the Districts Solid Waste Plan should be near completion by the end of 2002. Budgetary issues also need to be addressed before the end of the year.

#### 9. MARKET STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Wennberg stated that the May 21<sup>st</sup> focus groups had met. There were a total of 10 participants in the commercial group and 10 participants in the landlord group. Mr. Wennberg stated that he had heard from some of the participants and was receiving positive feedback. A detailed report from Mr. Toby Knox was expected soon and a detailed report would be made available by the August Board meeting. One set of meetings was scheduled with the haulers.

#### 10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The legislator has passed a budget but what amounts passed haven't been advertised as of yet. Mr. Wennberg discussed the expectations and how it would effect budgets for the foreseeable future.

#### 11. RESCHEDULE/CANCLE JULY 3 BOARD MEETING

Mr. Wennberg asked if there were a concern if the July meeting were canceled. Mr. Allen moved that the July meeting be canceled. Mr. Crowley stated the executive board should at a minimum meet. Ms. Brown mentioned that two issues had already been postponed until the next meeting, the new account and the penalty for late payment accounts. Mr. Crowley amended the motion to state that the executive board would meet. Mr. Nichols moved that the executive board meet at the discretion of the board chairman. The motion so passed.

#### 12. OTHER BUSINESS

#### 13. COLLECT BOARD WARRANTS

#### 14. ADJOURN

Chairman Nichols asked if there were any additional issues.

At 9:15 pm Mr. Crowley moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Brown provided the second. The motion was unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Deane Wilson  
Clerk