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MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

BUSINESS MEETING
December 4, 2002

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	MeiMei Brown	Poultney	Jonas Rosenthal
Castleton		Proctor	
Clarendon		Rutland City	John Densmore
Danby			Bruce Bentley
Hubbardton			
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	Richard Crowley
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford	Jim O'Gorman	West Rutland	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jeffrey Wennberg	District Manager	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Steve Maier	Maier Engineering	Deane Wilson	RCSWD

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:34 p.m. Acting Chairman Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. Wennberg asked that land appraisal be added-Giancola is interested in District land.
Another item was to ask Boards permission for spending \$ for gift certificates for the staff.

2. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20,2002

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

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, OCTOBER 2002

Mr. Wennberg stated that October and November financial statements reflect that the projections for the year are on target. All departments are doing well. Mr. Wennberg stated that November will reflect the Bond and interest payment of \$146,000. This left a \$113,000 balance. Acting Chairman Crowley asked how much longer the bond payments lasted. Mr. Wennberg said that it extended another 10-12 years.

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

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There was no public present

4. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REWRITE

COMMERCIAL/LANDLORD MARKET STUDY DISCUSSION
WASTE DIVERSION POLICY DISCUSSION - STEVE MAIER

Mr. Wennberg explained that there were 3 groups targeted. The District questioned what services were needed to make a difference. The first study indicated the District needed exposure. Ms. Brown was disappointed in the public perception and stated that recycling has shrunk at State offices. Ms. Brown suggested more education through the use of newsletters, as Addison SWD does. Mr. Wennberg stated that the price for direct mailing of newsletters is very expensive. The District does a newsletter insert in the Rutland Herald and Sam's Good News twice a year. Mr. Rosenthal suggested direct hand out at transfer station that details the expense of transfer station cost and the cost reduction by recycling. Mr. Bentley asked what was the target audience. Mr. Wennberg stated that the general public understands the message, but budgetary implications effect businesses. Ms. Brown stated that interest is at home but not at the work place. Mr. Maier stated that there is the need to continually readdress the issues. That information needs to be provided to selected targets. The more convenient recycling options will have better participation. Mr. Wennberg explained the single stream-recycling concept that was under development in the Chittenden Solid Waste District. The tenant study group indicated that the landlord had a financial interest but it was the tenant who had control. Mr. Maier stated that the State was regarding waste diversion as a major topic in the solid waste plans that are to be rewritten. Mr. Maier said that it was the Board's decision whether to place recycling options as a hauler responsibility or the generator responsibility. Discussion followed on what was the "minimum level" of responsibility. Presently the city had one set of rules and everyone else follows another set of rules. Also the city ordinance is not practical to enforce, yet compliance is relatively good. Addison's approach is to actually charge a line item on the customer's bill that reflects a pickup/processing charge for recyclables. Mr. Bentley asked what style works better. Mr. Maier explained that Addison does have a mandatory-recycling ordinance that is workable. Mr. Bentley said that he preferred Rutland's approach but wondered if there was a financial incentive that could be offered to haulers that offered recycling options. Mr. Wennberg said that he didn't think a financial incentive would work because of the added cost of recycling. Mr. Rosenthal stated that education is more effective than a mandatory requirement. Mr. Wennberg suggested that the plan might be to target one sector per year and do an extensive study and offer suggestions based on the region's available resources.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Wennberg said that he appeared before the Castleton Selectboard to discuss Castleton's options with the RCSWD. It was explained that in order to withdraw, a debt obligation of around \$139,000 plus current surcharge amounts would have to be paid. Mr. Wennberg went over the benefits of being a member of the RCSWD and obligations the town would have to meet should they decide to withdraw from the District. Castleton currently spends \$280,000 a year on their transfer station with 1/2 of that recouped through fees. Mr. Densmore asked if there were any other towns that were interested in pursuing this line. Mr. Wennberg said there wasn't.

Ms. Brown asked if an earlier meeting time could be considered. Discussion followed on the requirements needed to change the time. It was expressed by all that 6:30 would be more convenient time to begin.

Mr. Wennberg explained that Giancola was interested in a piece of property that the District owned tied into the MRF. Mr. Giancola offered to hire an appraiser at the District's discretion and split the cost with the District. Mr. Densmore so moved and Ms. Brown provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Wennberg asked the Board's permission to purchase gift certificates in the amount of \$50 for each of the 8 full time staff and the 2 part time staff. Mr. Rosenthal so moved. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The vote was unanimous.

6. COLLECT BOARD WARRANTS

7. 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

