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NOTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

DISCUSSION
January 4, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Castleton Clarendon Danby Hubbardton Ira Mendon Mt. Tabor Pittsford	Mei Mei Brown Larry Taggart Don Nickless	Poultney Proctor Rutland City Killington Wallingford Wells West Rutland	Bruce Bentley Paul Barbagallo John Densmore Richard Crowley
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O'Gorman Deane Wilson	District Manager RCSWD	Joyce Segale RCSWD
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CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Agenda was accepted as presented. Mr. O'Gorman mentioned that he had a couple of minor items for new business.

2. MINUTES OF DECEMBER 7, 2005

Ms. Brown moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The motion was unanimous.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, JUNE 2005

Mr. O'Gorman reviewed the manager's report. Discussions followed on revenues and how programs were affected. Mr. O'Gorman stated that a column had been added reflecting a year to date comparison with the previous year. Mr. Densmore suggested that the possibility be reviewed in eliminating some of the non-essential columns such as the current month budget and the variance with budget. Mr. O'Gorman predicted that the tonnage for 2006 would be in the 40,000 ton range and that this would positively impact the budget. Mr. Crowley asked how the recycling rate was affected. Mr. Bentley said that this issue needed to be addressed. The mission of the District is recycling and waste diversion. Discussion followed on how an increase in recycling would impact the budget. Mr. Crowley suggested that with revenues consistently received beyond the what's budgeted, the surcharge could be lowered.

Mr. O'Gorman reviewed the HHW financials. Mr. Nickless asked if the District checking account paid interest. Ms. Segale stated that the general fund checking account didn't but that the debt service account did. Discussion followed on the possible options that could provide for interest income. Ms. Segale stated that she would follow through with the bank.

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

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public in attendance.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- A. FY06 Budget
Mr. Bentley mentioned that no public attended the public hearing for the 2006 Budget. Mr. Bentley asked if BC/BS had underestimated the medical coverage. Ms. Brown said that the news reports had covered the State's plan which is self administered. Mr. Nickless asked about the deficiencies in some of the programs. Mr. O'Gorman stated that the reason for the surcharge was to cover programs that weren't self sustaining. Mr. O'Gorman explained the HHW program and the theory of offering the free service to promote proper disposal. Discussion followed on the budget reflecting Carrara's expense, expected capital expenses and long term capital expenses. Mr. Densmore motioned to approve the '06 budget. Mr. Crowley provided the second. The vote was unanimous.
- B. Food Waste Program - Grant
Mr. O'Gorman discussed the State's current grant monies available for food waste composting. Mr. Bentley suggested that the District contact haulers to see what interest they would have in the program. Ms. Brown asked if the District could apply but decline the grant if program couldn't be restarted. Ms. Brown suggested that the program be shelved until the next grant period. Mr. Bentley offered to connect with farmers that have manure/methane projects online and see if there was potential and interest incorporating food organics. Mr. Taggart said that the first step is connecting with potential farmers in establishing compost sites.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 5 yr plan/District functions
A handout was distributed providing a draft on the plan and functions. Mr. Bentley said that further in-depth discussion was needed on these topics
- B. "Winning the War on Waste"
Mr. Bentley asked for the board's permission to purchase copies of the book for distribution among staff and board members. Discussion followed on the format to discuss and implement some of the topics involved.
- C. Board Meetings
Mr. O'Gorman provided a sheet listing meeting dates and possible conflicts.

7. ADJOURN

Ms. Brown moved to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deane Wilson