

NOTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

DISCUSSION
November 1, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Mei Mei Brown	Poultney	
Castleton	Chris Cresci	Proctor	
Clarendon	Nancy Buffum	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Paul Barbagallo
Hubbardton			
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	Richard Crowley
Mt. Tabor		Wells	
Pittsford		West Rutland	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O'Gorman	District Manager
Deane Wilson	RCSWD

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. O'Gorman mentioned that he had a couple of minor items for new business.

2. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 4, 2006

Mr. Cresci mentioned that he was at the October meeting. Ms. Brown moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The motion was unanimous.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, SEPTEMBER 2006

Mr. O'Gorman reviewed the manager's report. Discussions followed on revenues and how programs were affected. Mr. O'Gorman stated that tires had been purchased for the District's loader.

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

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There were no public in attendance.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Harvest Technologies, Inc.

The Board expressed concern on the proposal based on the unknown involvement of District time and expenses. At present staffing levels the Board felt additional staff would be needed and chose at this time, additional personnel was not an option. Ms. Brown stated that if Harvest Technologies could submit a business plan and expected expense statement, there could be further review. Also, it was expressed that any District labor expenses would be deducted before the 50/50 proceeds split.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft FY2007 Budget

Mr. O’Gorman explained that a big ticket item will be a redesign of the metal processing area. Mr. Cresci asked what the District expected to accomplish with the project? What the metal market was expected for the next few years, what was Elnicki’s expectations with contributing toward the construction cost. Mr. O’Gorman provided an overview of the existing setup. The Board expressed concern with the private sector contributing finances for capital improvements at the transfer station and that a discussion would happen after a construction estimate had been received. Mr. O’Gorman was instructed to review the existing contract structure and check the Districts operating cost and renegotiate the contract.

Mr. O’Gorman stated that a 3 1/2 % COLA had been included in the budget. Mr. Crowley asked about the 36% increase municipalities were seeing from health insurance. Mr. Crowley suggested that the District institute a health savings plan.

Mr. O’Gorman was proposing that there be no increase in surcharge this year but proposed one for 2008. Mr. Cresci asked what the expected increase was. Mr. O’Gorman said it would probably be 25 cents a ton. Mr. Bentley asked what the current recycling rate was and what was the expectation. Mr. Crowley questioned the need and the reason for a permit system at the transfer station. Mr. O’Gorman stated that it cost approximately \$6000 to maintain the permit program and it generated \$18,000. The reason for the permits was tracking vehicles at the transfer station and indicating what rates would be charged. Mr. Cresci asked if there were a difference in processing cost for permit vs. non-permit. Mr. Bentley suggested that any action be tabled for now on the permit issue.

Mr. Cresci asked what the status on the C&D lead issue was and that the State be asked to help resolve the issue. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the State had instructed the district to do additional test.

The recycling processing fee increase is reflected in the budget, showing less revenue to the towns. The HHW budget reflected the purchase of a new trailer. Mr. O’Gorman said that prices were planned to be readjusted for some of the materials collected.

Mr. O’Gorman said the food waste budget involved approximately 23 hrs/wk and that new staff may be needed. The transfer station survey results indicated that people would like to see additional hours at the public drop-off and by shifting personnel Mr. O’Gorman was trying different concepts. Discussion followed on the fee structure at the transfer station. Also Mr. O’Gorman explained the current paving schedule and that the budget reflected additional paving for next year

Mr. Cresci asked how much excess cash was on hand and if the transfer station was costing the District money to operate. Mr. O’Gorman stated that when he started the District was in the red, and for 2006 he expected a \$20,000 surplus. The transfer station and the administration budgets were showing a positive revenue, the other programs operated at a deficit.

Discussion followed on the budget process and timeline.

7. ADJOURN

Ms. Brown moved to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deane Wilson