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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

DISCUSSION  
April 2, 2008



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	William Burnett	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	Ray Beyette
Clarendon	Nancy Buffum	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			John Densmore
Hubbardton			
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon	Steve Ellerin	Wallingford	Charles Angel
Mt. Holly	Paul Nevin	Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman	RCSWD	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Deane Wilson	RCSWD		

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bentley called the meeting to order at 6:28pm. A quorum was present.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. O’Gorman asked that Addison Recycling Ordinance be added and Mr. Bentley asked that recycled plastic bag discussion be added for new business.

2. MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2008

Ms Buffum asked that William Bixby be changed to Robert Bixby. Mr. O’Gorman said that the \$72,624 net income statement be changed to \$66,988. Mr. Taggart moved to accept the minutes with the corrections. Ms. Buffum provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FEBRUARY 2008

Mr. O’Gorman provided a managers report and stated the programs are on track. A review of the departments was provided for the new board members. Mr. Gilbert asked to review the balance sheet for the C&D clean wood grind program and if the program was put out for bid? Mr. O’Gorman stated that he would have the numbers for the next meeting. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that 2007 was an unusual year for the program due to the number and severity of the storms. Mr. Angel asked if the Christmas tress and brush were ground together and if any research had been done to market the material for wood pellets. Discussion followed on the wood pellet industry. Mr. Burnett asked about the quantities of finished material? Mr. Bentley discussed the value of recyclables and the impact on town budgets.

Mr. Taggart moved to accept the financials. Mr. Nevin provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. FOOD WASTE

Mr. O’Gorman provided a status of the program and that he had been negotiating with Price Chopper Supermarket about the cost of using the service. Mr. Burnett asked if the program was offered only to the grocery stores. Mr. O’Gorman said that it wasn’t and discussion followed on other possible food sources. Mr. Angel provided an overview of his experience with a food waste collection program. Mr. Bentley raised the issue of landfills interest in organics to generate gas for electrical generation and that the District could review a best management policy to determine a policy for organics management.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. O’Gorman formally welcomed the new members. Ms. Buffum said that she would be stepping down as the Clarendon representative and that Mr. Bixby would become the rep. Ms. Buffum would be available as the alternate rep for Clarendon.

B. BIODEGRADABLE BAGS

Mr. Bentley provided literature about biodegradable bags and would like to begin discussion and research if implementing a policy that would require the use of these bags was advantageous.

C. MANDATORY RECYCLING

Mr. O’Gorman provided a copy of recent correspondence with Addison County SWD about their success with a mandatory recycling ordinance. Mr. Burnett provided his experience during his time at ACSWMD when the mandatory recycling ordinance was implemented. Mr. Angel asked if haulers that accessed their town transfer station were licensed. Mr. O’Gorman said that all haulers were required to be licensed through the District and with the State.

Mr. Bentley suggested that with Casella reviewing single stream recycling in this area, which would be a good time to implement recycling initiatives to increase recycling. Mr. Gilbert said that mandatory recycling is a policy that the District should be reviewing. Mr. Burnett asked if all towns had transfer stations. Mr. O’Gorman indicated which towns had transfer stations and a quick overview of their price structures. Mr. Barrows asked what would happen if the recycling markets dried up, what would happen to all this material? Mr. O’Gorman mentioned Casella’s efforts to increase recycling efforts through the use of their ‘recycle bank’ and how the program worked.

Mr. Ellerin asked about the staffing at the transfer station and if there had been improvements on the traffic flow? Mr. O’Gorman said that he had hired additional part time staff.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Taggart moved to adjourn at 7:30 pm., Ms. Buffum provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deane Wilson