

NOTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

DISCUSSION
July 2, 2008



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon		Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	
Clarendon	Robert Bixby	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			John Densmore
Hubbardton	Scott Ballantine		Paul Barbagallo
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	Ed Fowler
Mendon	Steve Ellerin	Wallingford	Charles Angel
Mt. Holly		Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman	RCSWD	Joyce Segale	RCSWD
Deane Wilson	RCSWD		

CALL TO ORDER

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. SET AGENDA

No changes to the agenda.

2. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS/REORGANIZATION

- ☐ Chair
- ☐ Vice-Chair
- ☐ Treasurer-not a board member (Joyce Segale)
- ☐ Clerk – not a board member (Deane Wilson)
- ☐ Grand Juror – not a board member (Jim O’Gorman)
- ☐ Executive Committee Members

Mr. Bentley said that the nominating committee had met and offered:

Mr. Bentley for Chair
Mr. Taggart for Vice-Chair
Ms. Segale for Treasurer
Mr. Wilson for Clerk
Mr. O’Gorman for Grand Juror

The committee discussed the importance of providing a continuance in the chair positions with hope that the vice-chair would assume the duties of chair when/if the chair person stepped down. Mr. Angel asked about the possibility of a revolving vice-chair position. Mr. Bentley said it was a good idea and the issue would be researched.

Discussion followed on the Executive Committee as to whether there should be 3 or 5 members. It was decided that 3 members were sufficient to fulfill the duties of the committee. Mr. Bentley and Mr. Taggart were nominated from the floor. Mr. Angel asked what the expectations were of the committee. Mr. Bentley offered that the executive committee would meet if a decision was needed and the full board meeting was not feasible. Mr. Angel volunteered to act as the 3rd member of the executive committee.

Mr. Ballantine moved that the nominations for officers be accepted. Mr. Bixby provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2008

Mr. Taggart moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Barbagallo provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MAY 2008

Mr. O’Gorman provided a managers report and stated that tonnages are down. A review of the departments was provided for the new board members. Mr. O’Gorman gave a review of the scrap metal program indicating that the pile was pulled 4 times per year and provided revenue. The C&D grind program was starting back up, with the processed material shipped to the Coventry Landfill as ADC.

Mr. Densmore asked that the Board consider an additional payment on the Chittenden Bank Note. The current Bond payment was covered and excess cash should be spent. Mr. Densmore suggested that the Board should look ahead and review rates once the note is paid off. There should be a management review of long range plans for programs. Mr. Bentley said that single stream recycling could affect the amount of MSW generated and have a direct impact on the surcharge revenue.

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

5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2007 AUDIT

The audit has been completed, unfortunately Mr. Sabotka couldn't attend the meeting and would reschedule. Mr. O'Gorman reviewed various components of the audit. Two significant points included Mt Holly joining the District and FEMA reimbursement for the April 2007 storm damage. Mr. Densmore asked if there had been any development with the Carrara's property issues. Mr. O'Gorman stated that there hadn't been any communication. Mr. Bentley provided a review of the issue for the new board members. Mr. Gilbert suggested that the District should honor the obligation. Mr. Bentley said that a complete review and timeline would be developed for the next board meeting.

Mr. Gilbert moved to accept the 2007 audit. Mr. Ballantine provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

B. FOOD WASTE

Mr. O'Gorman provided a status of the program and stated he had been negotiating with Price Chopper Supermarket about the cost of using the service. Mr. Ballantine asked if the program were similar to Intervale and asked if there were any news concerning the issues with the operation. Mr. O'Gorman stated that ACT 250, storm water regulations, archeological issues were all concerns that had developed with the Interval Operation. Discussion followed on the importance of compost operations and their positive role in the addition of organics to the soil and waste diversion effects on the waste stream. Mr. Bentley offered that a review of the best management practices for organics management had been suggested. Mr. Jeff Fehrs had responded that the hierarchy of best use involved returning the material back to the soil as the primary benefit with landfill methane gas generation towards the bottom of the BMP. Mr. Bentley suggested that more research be done to validate this belief.

C. SOLID WASTE WORKING GROUP

Mr. O'Gorman provided a report the State recently published 'Beyond Garbage'. A review of some of the suggestions followed and what the District was currently involved with. Mr. O'Gorman provided a review on the electronics program and how the District would be affected by a legislative mandate on recycling electronics. Mr. Gilbert said that the primary responsibility of the government should be offering the population programs for recycling various materials before enacting ordinances and that programs should be designed for cost effectiveness. Mr. Bentley said that concepts of product stewardship should be supported.

D. MANDATORY RECYCLING

Mr. O'Gorman said that there were issues with mandatory recycling and the practice is tricky to implement.

E. PAY AS YOU THROW

Mr. O'Gorman said that PAYT also had issues and implementation would be tricky. Mr. Ballantine said that PAYT is a great tool for MSW management. A review of the relationship between Hubbarton and Castleton followed. Mr. Bentley asked if the District had the capabilities for enforcement. Mr. Gilbert asked about the 'Green Cone Organics Management Program'. Mr. O'Gorman offered how the device worked and that it was available through the CVSWMD.

7. NEW BUSINESS

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8. ADJOURN

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

Respectfully submitted,
Deane Wilson