

NOTES  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

DISCUSSION  
October 7, 2009



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon		Poultney	
Castleton	Charles Jacien	Proctor	Susan Feenick
Clarendon	Robert Bixby	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Robert Barrett
Hubbardton			
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	Charles Angel
Mt. Holly	Paul Nevin	Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford	John Weeden		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman	RCSWD	Deane Wilson	RCSWD
Joyce Segale	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 were offered

2. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2009

Mr. Bentley asked if there were any questions or comments on the September minutes. Mr. Taggart moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Weeden provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUGUST 2009

Mr. O’Gorman read his managers report. Stated that tonnages are below 2003 numbers. Commodities prices are stable. There has been activity with the C&D grind program and a recent grind with the clean wood/brush program. There was also an incident with the DIY oil program that will be discussed later. Mr. Bentley asked if tonnages were down, were expenses also down? Mr. O’Gorman stated that cost were down somewhat. Ms. Feenick asked why tonnages were down. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the haulers could be taking it elsewhere. Mr. Barrows said that the economy has had an effect. Mr. O’Gorman provided a review of the cash flow through the end of the year indicating that there would be an \$80,000 deficiency and that surcharges may need to be adjusted. The League of Cities and Towns have indicated there would only be a single % digit increase in health care cost this year. Workman’s comp will have a large increase due to a difference in job allocation. 100% of an employees job description would be allocated towards the most expensive coverage. Mr. Bentley asked if revenues were sliding at this time should an increase in the surcharge be implemented soon? Mr. O’Gorman indicated that the net income through August was \$240,000 with the bond the biggest expense at \$116,000. Discussion on the 2010 budget will start soon and surcharge adjustments can be made at that time.

Mr. Taggart moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Weeden provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review Brush Program

Mr. Barrows and Mr. O’Gorman discussed the feasibility of a District purchase for a grinding machine to handle a brush program for the town transfer stations. A sheet was distributed outlining the cost of the grinding program at the Gleason Road site. Discussion followed on responsibilities, scheduling, cost and staffing on the purchase of a District machine utilized throughout the region. Mr. O’Gorman was asked to research the program further and report back on the feasibility of a purchase or negotiations with the private sector to provide the service.

B. Review town recycling levels and transfer station fees

Mr. O’Gorman distributed a sheet detailing the activities at district town transfer stations. Discussion followed on fee differences and levels of service. Mr. Bentley suggested the information be taken home and reviewed and if there were any questions, Mr. O’Gorman would be available or discussion could be scheduled during the next meeting.

C. HHW used oil contamination Gleason Rd

Mr. O’Gorman provided details of an incident with the DIY oil program at the Gleason Road transfer station. April 21<sup>st</sup> 2009 a load of oil was picked up by the district vendor. A disposal bill of \$64,000 was received for disposal of the material. The material was bulked with pickups from around the area. The vendor stated that the load was contaminated with PCB’s and the entire load had to be treated as a hazardous waste. Discussion followed on the procedure that the vendor followed. Mr. O’Gorman informed the board of the agreement with Safety Kleen and that discussion has occurred with the District lawyer. Discussion followed regarding the Gleason Rd policy for accepting and managing DIY oil. Mr. O’Gorman was instructed to request additional information from Safety Kleen regarding the issue. Mr. O’Gorman was also asked to review the procedure that the District had for accepting the material at the Gleason Road program.

D. Casella Contract

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the existing disposal and transport contract with CWM will expire in December 2010. The contract states that a bid should be sent out by December 2009 for services. Mr. Bentley asked the duration of the contract. Mr. O’Gorman said that the contracts historically had been issued for 5 years. But with the possible options that would be available for additional landfill space in the near future, a new bid proposal could be for a shorter time frame. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he would have more information for the November board meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Memorandum of Understanding with ANR re: VT Solid Waste Mgmt. Commission

Mr. O’Gorman provided a review of the relationship between ANR and the VT Legislature. A MOU had been developed between ANR and the VT Solid Waste District Managers Association for the creation of a VT SW Management Commission. The function of the association would be a replacement of services recently eliminated at the state level through the recent round of layoffs. Mr. Angle asked what the time frame was. Mr. O’Gorman stated that this could happen within the year. Mr. Barrows asked if the RCSWD had supported the proposal. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he had been attending the meetings. Mr. Bentley suggested that the District wait and see how the legislature reacts and that Mr. O’Gorman serve as its representative.

B. Paint Legislation

Mr. O’Gorman discussed recent national attention to product stewardship and discussed recent legislation regarding the paint industry. Ms. Feenick offered the appeal that this could have on a national level but asked what the cost would be to the District. Mr. O’Gorman stated that there would be an added upfront cost to the consumer, but the manufacturer would use those funds to cover the cost of disposal. Mr. Barrows asked what the research had indicated for States with a low population. Mr. O’Gorman described how the manufactures would fund a two fold approach to the states. Money would be distributed to cover the cost of the disposal of the product but money would also be available to the states to cover the cost of monitoring the program. Discussion followed on the current program for the disposal of paint. Mr. Jacien asked what he current cost of the program was for paint disposal. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he would break out that portion of the program and report back.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Taggart moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Mr. Jacien provided the second. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deane Wilson