

NOTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

DISCUSSION
April 7, 2010



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert / Charles Jacien	Proctor	Susan Feenick
Clarendon		Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Tom Bixby
Hubbardton	Mike Whitmore		
Ira		Killington	
Mendon	Steve Ellerin	Wallingford	
Mt. Holly	Paul Nevin	Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	
Pittsford	John Weeden		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman	RCSWD	Deane Wilson	RCSWD
Joyce Segale	RCSWD	Neal Jordan	OMYA
Michael Laurest	OMYA		

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

Agenda was accepted as presented. Mr. O’Gorman introduced the new board member from Hubbarton, Mr. Mike Whitmore.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2010 MEETING

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

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FEBRUARY 2010

Mr. O’Gorman read his managers report. Stated that tonnages are down but the last two weeks there has been a substantial increase in traffic. Commodities prices are up significantly.

Mr. Gilbert moved to accept February financials, Mr. McGuigan provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Neal Jordan and Mr. Michael Laurest from OMYA were recognized. Mr. O’Gorman asked that Mr. Jordan present OMYA’s current status on the progress of the permitting for the OMYA’s tailings facility. Mr. Jordan provided a brief history to the current timeframe and that tonight’s presentation was for informational purposes only. Information followed on the tailings material and the settling ponds, how the tailings materials were currently being managed with expectations that markets were developing that would utilize the material. The application process for full certification and ACT 250 were for activities that were to occur on the footprint of sites that were previously permitted. Ms. Feenick asked about the number of products that OMYA’s material was used in. Mr. McGuigan asked if OMYA had plans to mine the existing quarries if market development occurred. Mr. Jordan stated that plans were for markets to be developed in the next two years that would utilize the daily generation.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Renewal of Casella Contract

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the addendum had been mailed to the District towns for signatures but had only received Wallingford’s paperwork so far. Mr. Bentley asked if there were a time frame. Mr. O’Gorman stated that there wasn’t

B. Safety – Kleen update

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he hadn’t received any new information from Safety-Kleen or from the lawyers that are involved.

C. Pending legislative bills

Mr. O’Gorman provided a brief update on legislation involving solid waste. The bill providing the most promise was the electronics bill.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Greater Upper Valley SWD – Resolution of Support

Mr. O’Gorman offered the current status of the GUVSWMD landfill project. Mr. O’Gorman stated that a resolution of support had been requested from RCSWD and that this wouldn’t require an obligation, it was a show of support that RCSWD would consider using the services of the GUVSWD landfill. The tip fee hadn’t been established yet, but Mr. O’Gorman provided what the current fees the RCSWD were paying. Mr. McGuigan moved that RCSWD provide the resolution of support, Ms. Feenick provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

B. OMYA – Act 250 permit application

Previously reported during ‘open to the public’

C. Extended Producer Responsibility

Mr. O’Gorman provided a report that DSM Environmental has submitted to the State concerning extended producer responsibility (EPR). Mr. Gilbert asked about the section indicating that the bottle bill would be eliminated. Mr. O’Gorman offered that the EPR report suggested that the redemption program would be extended to other products besides the bottle portion. Mr. McGuigan suggested that the report was for discussion purposes. Mr. Bentley asked what the District needed to do? Mr. O’Gorman stated that no action was needed at this time. Ms. Feenick stated that if the report indicated that the bottle bill was to be repealed that the District shouldn’t support the report.

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the District signed an energy resolution that was in support of the energy challenge. The District office and transfer station were in the process of upgrading electrical appliances and fixtures. Mr. Gilbert offered that the District should be recognized for the recent newsletter. Mr. O’Gorman offered the upcoming HHW schedule and indicated that Green Up Day was the first Saturday in May. Mr. O’Gorman provided an overview of the Districts pharmaceutical collection event 2 years ago, discussion followed on the need and significance of providing an additional collection event.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Gilbert moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Mr. Jacien provided the second. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Deane Wilson