

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 2, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rutland City	Bruce Bentley, Robert Barrett	Proctor	Susan Feenick
Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Mt. Holly	Paul Nevin
Ira	Larry Taggart	Wallingford	
Pittsford	John Weeden	Poultney	Danby
Clarendon	Robert Bixby		Killington
Hubbardton	Mike Whitmore	Wells	Castleton
West Rutland	Sean Barrows		Mendon
			Tim Gilbert

OTHERS PRESENT:

James O’Gorman, District Manager

Joyce Segale, RCSWD

Chairman Mr. Bentley called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with quorum present.

1. SET AGENDA

No changes to agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2010 MEETING

Motion by Mr. Barrett to accept May 5, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Bixby. Motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF APRIL 2010

Mr. O’Gorman stated trash tonnage was more than budgeted but still less than previous years. Market prices for commodities are mixed – cardboard and magazines have decreased while plastics have increased. Motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Navin to accept April 2010 financial statements. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. CASELLA SINGLE STREAM MRF

Mr. O’Gorman stated that Randy Dapron from Casella informed him that single stream equipment will not be installed in this fiscal year (Casella’s fiscal year runs June to April) but it may happen in the following fiscal year. Casella’s goal would still be to have a two-tiered system, in which the MRF would accept both single stream and source separated recyclables. Ms. Feenick asked if single stream resulted in more revenue for MRF. Mr. O’Gorman stated it depends- single stream has large equipment costs upfront. He stated Mr. Dapron would be at the next board meeting.

B. SAFETY-KLEEN

Mr. O’Gorman stated there has been no response from Safety-Kleen yet.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. CERTIFICATE OF CORP. RESOLUTION FOR PENSION PLAN

The board packet contained the certificate, which explains the requirements and organization of the district’s pension plan. Motion made by Mr. Gilbert with second by Mr. Barrett to approve the signing of the certificate by treasurer Joyce Segale. Motion passed unanimously.

B. VLCT HEALTH INSURANCE EXTENDED DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Mr. O’Gorman discussed highlights of the letter from Vermont League, which outlined upcoming changes in the law regarding health insurance coverage for employees’ dependents up to the age of 26. No action is needed now but the board needs to consider amending the present personnel policies to address this change. He stated nothing in the law requires the employer to pick up this cost. Mr. Gilbert stated he would not be in favor of picking up these additional costs. Mr. Barrows stated he would like the board to wait until a later date for further discussion. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.

C. Mr. Bentley stated the board did not schedule board meetings for last July and August and asked if there were any objections to not having board meetings in July and August 2010 – there were no objections. Mr. Bentley stated the next scheduled board meeting will be September 1, 2010.

D. Mr. O’Gorman reviewed the status of the Vermont solid waste managers (VSWDMA) discussions regarding the legislature’s work on possibly tackling consolidation of solid waste districts in the next session. Several managers will be meeting soon with Tony Klein who is chair of House Natural Resources Committee and report back to VSWDMA at

its next meeting. The state wants to know what the districts can do for less. Mr. O’Gorman stated one issue is the present lack of uniformity in services throughout the state. One answer would be to merge programs but not necessarily districts. Another option would be to require towns to belong to an alliance or district – the rural nature of the state presents problems. Discussion followed about transportation costs. Mr. O’Gorman stated the districts receive about \$400,000 annually in grants with \$30 - \$35,000 going to RCSWD. He stated product stewardship and organics will change the focus of solid waste districts in the future. Mr. Bentley asked if the districts should consider hiring a consultant to make recommendations about potential changes in the structure of the districts. Mr. O’Gorman will report back to board at next meeting with update on this issue.

7. ADJOURN

At 7:06 PM, motion by Mr. Taggart to adjourn with second by Mr. Gilbert. Motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Segale

