

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 3, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

James O’Gorman, District Manager
Deane Wilson, 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 OCTOBER 6, 2010 MEETING

Motion by Mr. Taggart to accept October 6, 2010 minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Weeden. Motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SEPTEMBER 2010

Mr. O’Gorman stated trash tonnage was more than budgeted but still less than previous years. Market prices for commodities have increased. Ms. Feenick asked if the recent electronics collection cost the District? Mr. O’Gorman stated there was no cost to the District and provided a recap of the event. Mr. Bixby asked why the numbers were up for September? Mr. O’Gorman stated it was supply and demand. Motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Taggart to accept September 2010 financial statements. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Charles Brown Sr. and Mr. Charles Brown Jr. were in attendance to provide information on their proposed ABC recycling project. The recycling would occur on property that was currently operating as a slate manufacturing site. To operate as an ABC recycling facility, there was a state certification application requirement, including the designation of the facility consistent with the District’s Solid Waste Plan. Mr. Bixby asked about the procedure for accepting material. Mr. Brown offered that they had been in contact with State personnel and discussion focused on not allowing painted concrete or brick to eliminate the potential of material contamination. Mr. Jacien and Mr. Gilbert supported the project and motioned that the proposed project be accepted as a facility eligible to receive recyclable material and that it was located within the District. Ms. Feenick provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. SAFETY-KLEEN

Mr. O’Gorman asked for executive session to discuss the recent development with Safety-Kleen
At 6:50pm Mr. Bixby moved that the board enter executive session. Mr. Barrett provided the second.
The board reconvened the regular meeting at 7pm

B. PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP

Mr. O’Gorman mentioned the pharmaceutical collection events held in St. Albans. Mr. Bentley asked what other options residents had for disposal. Mr. Gilbert suggested that the District research the cost for a pharmaceutical collection event in Rutland.

C. ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Mr. O’Gorman provided an overview of the current electronics recycling program. The new law that goes into effect January 1, 2011 will shift the cost of recycling on the manufacturers. Discussion followed on compliance and best ways to inform the public. The consensus was that an educational element was needed to inform the public at the local level. Mr. O’Gorman said that the District couldn’t charge for recycling but would probably be able to charge for labor and mileage involved with the collection of material. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he would be attending a State Solid Waste Managers meeting on November 4th and would clarify the fee structure proposed at the state level.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. DRAFT FY2011 BUDGET

Mr. O’Gorman distributed a copy of the proposed budget for 2011. The cover page outlined the schedule for implementation. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the budget was conservative and that he was suggesting a 3% COLA. Discussion followed on the general economy and that most organizations had frozen their wage increases for the last few years. It was suggested that Mr. O’Gorman review a performance incentive option and report back to the board on how that system would impact the budget. Ms. Feenick asked if there were a performance evaluation program currently in place and Mr. O’Gorman stated that there wasn’t. A quick review of the remainder of the draft budget was discussed. Mr. Bixby asked if there were a possibility of any programs being discontinued if they were losing money and what was the possibility of pursuing grants to offset loss of revenue? Mr. Bentley suggested that the budget be reviewed and questions and comments could be sent to Mr. O’Gorman through e-mail or phone and would be addressed at the December 2010 Board meeting.

Mr. Bixby asked if there were any new information on towns expressing interest on withdrawing from the District. Mr. O’Gorman said that at this time there wasn’t any news.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Taggart move to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Mr. Barrett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson

