

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
November 9, 2011
(November 2, 2011 cancelled)



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon		Poultney	
Castleton		Proctor	Susan Feenick
Clarendon		Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby	William Gormley		Tom Bixby
Hubbardton			Dave Wallstrom
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Holly	Paul Nevin	Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford	John Weeden		

OTHERS PRESENT:

James O’Gorman, District Manager	Joyce Segale, RCSWD
Deane Wilson, RCSWD	

Chairman Mr. Bentley called meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. with quorum present

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. Bentley asked if there were any changes to the agenda? There were none.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2011 MEETING

Motion by Mr. Weeden to accept the Oct. 5, 2011 minutes. Motion seconded by Mr. Nevin. Motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF SEPTEMBER 2011

Mr. O’Gorman stated trash tonnage was more than budgeted but still less than previous years. Market prices for commodities have fluctuated. Mr. O’Gorman provided a managers report that provided more information on the finances. Mr. Bentley asked if zero-sort had any noticeable impact on finances to date. Mr. O’Gorman provided an explanation where material was going and how much is arriving. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the District now was on Facebook. Mr. Bixby asked for an explanation on revenue projections based on zero-sort recycling. Mr. O’Gorman stated that recycling tonnages will go up, expected to increase 10% in 30-90 days, and overtime there should be a 30% increase. This will cause a corresponding decrease in surcharge revenue based on less tonnage. Mr. O’Gorman said that Randy Dupron has mentioned the option of compacting recyclables to decrease transport cost. Mr. Bixby asked if there had been any movement on the tip fee. Mr. O’Gorman stated that fees would probably be adjusted at the transfer station and an adjustment reviewed on the surcharge. Mr. Wallstrom asked if there would be any competition for recyclables if the MRF fees increased substantially. Mr. O’Gorman provided an explanation on fees statewide and there was the possibility of a per capita fee. Mr. Wallstrom moved to accept the financial statements. Mr. Barrows provided the second. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –

No public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Casella Waste Mgt. Single Stream MRF Update

Information was discussed previously. Mr. O’Gorman added that Casella had been meeting to discuss the processing rates but at this point no fee had been offered. Mr. Barrows asked who was responsible for the processing fee if the material was residential curbside as compared to what was arriving at the MRF from town transfer stations and at what point do the transfer stations switch over to zero-sort? Mr. Bentley asked how many of the haulers were currently offering zero-sort. Mr. O’Gorman said that the small haulers would have an issue with retrofitting. Mr. Bixby asked for a timeframe with the Chittenden SWD conversion to zero-sort.

B. FEMA

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he had meet with the FEMA representatives. The RCSWD didn’t meet any of their criteria so wasn’t eligible for Irene related expenditures.

C. Legislative Items for 2012

Mr. O’Gorman said that some of the topics scheduled to be discussed included paint recycling and extended producer responsibility.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft FY2012 Budget

Mr. O’Gorman distributed a handout providing a general description of the budget process and information on the Districts programs financial picture. He stated that CIGNA, our present health insurer, would not be offered by the Vt. League in 2012. A Blue Cross/Blue Shield plan with comparable benefits is available – the cost is estimated to be less than CIGNA’s premiums. Discussion followed on the surcharge adjustment procedure, a time frame and also the consequences of raising the surcharge. Mr. O’Gorman also stated that he is reviewing some of the charges at the transfer station. Mr. Barrows asked who was responsible for the scale operations at the MRF and transfer stations. Mr. O’Gorman stated that District personnel were. Discussion followed on charging for recycling and how this would affect the budget.

Mr. Bentley asked Mr. O’Gorman to provide a comparison of what the other Districts surcharges. Mr. Wallstrom asked for a comparison on what local communities are charging for services.

Discussion followed on the disposal/transportation contract set to expire in November 2012 and how that would impact town and District budgets. Mr. Bentley asked if the time frame for all the contracts and leases being discussed could be reviewed and time frames could coincide. Mr. Bentley asked if a decision was needed tonight on the disposal/transport contract? Suggestion to Mr. O’Gorman was to send the contract to Mr. Jack Facey and determine the legailities of the contract with a letter to the towns explaining the circumstances.

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7. ADJOURN

Mr. Wallstrom moved to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Mr. Bixby provided the second. The motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson

