

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
March 7, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	Susan Feenick
Clarendon	Robert Bixby	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			David Wallstrom
Hubbardton			Robert Barrett
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Holly		Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager	Joyce Segale, RCSWD
Deane Wilson, RCSWD	

Chairman Mr. Bentley called meeting to order at 6:35 P.M. with quorum present

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the review of Markowskis’s C&D recertification application needed to be added to New Business

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FEBRUARY 1, 2012 MEETING

Ms. Feenick asked Mr. O’Gorman to clarify decreased staffing needs if zero sort is implemented. Mr. O’Gorman said that there would be an increase in staffing at the MRF but towns would be able to benefit by employing less staff to sort material. Mr. O’Gorman provided an example using Pittsford’s Transfer Stations current scenario and a possible scenario if the facility goes zero-sort. Mr. Gilbert moved that the minutes be accepted. Mr. Bixby provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF JANUARY 2012

Mr. O’Gorman read his managers report with the conclusion that projections are on target. Mr. Wallstrom moved to accept the financial statement. Mr. Barrett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Casella Waste Mgt. Single Stream MRF Update

Mr. O’Gorman used Pittsford’s Transfer Station as an example comparing the current system compared to what the zero sort recycling would offer. Discussion followed. Mr. Barrows asked if a box could be available to accept zero-sort at the Gleason Road transfer station and track those numbers for a time frame for an analysis. Mr. O’Gorman proceeded to provide a description of the equipment layout in the MRF and how the material flow works. Mr. Gilbert asked if there were numbers available for the transfer station comparisons. Mr. O’Gorman mentioned that he was working on that.

B. VT House Bill 485

Mr. O’Gorman stated that there a few loopholes that haven’t been clarified yet. There is an exemption stating that if there isn’t a facility within 20 miles, some of the requirements aren’t expected. Mr. Wallstrom asked what the status was for landfills in VT. Mr. O’Gorman described the current infrastructure and limitations that exist in Rutland County. Mr. Gilbert suggested that subsidizing the cost of backyard composters would increase the sale of the units and possibly meet some of the states proposed requirements on organics diversion. Mr. Bentley offered that a surcharge could be added that would specifically target a subsidy for the compost bins. Mr. O’Gorman said that he had sent a copy to haulers, but hadn’t heard much back in comments. Mr. Wallstrom asked what the definition of haulers was and who was affected by this ruling.

Mr. O’Gorman said that he would check on it and report back to the board. Ms. Feenick asked if any state personnel were available to address the board on this proposed law. Mr. O’Gorman said that he would report back to the board electronically as the bill progressed.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. House Bill 485

Previously discussed

B. Mercury Bulb Law starting July 1, 2012

Mr. O’Gorman stated the mercury bulb law would take effect in July and he had been in discussion with the state to see how the program was expected to work. One expected impact was that the District couldn’t bill for the items that were previously paid for by the generator. Mr. Gilbert asked who was obligated to take the bulbs and at what frequency? Mr. Gilbert stated that the District shouldn’t be servicing non-District towns at 0 costs. Mr. O’Gorman said that there was a reimbursement expected but wasn’t sure how it would work. Mr. O’Gorman was asked to find out how the program was expected to work, who was expected to accept bulbs, how the funding mechanism would work and what the reporting expectations were.

C. (item added) Markowski C&D program recertification

Mr. O’Gorman provided the board with a copy of the recertification application Markowskis’s has submitted. Mr. O’Gorman explained the program. Mr. Bentley asked what the criteria were for the board to review and the timeframe. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the board would follow the states lead. Mr. Gilbert stated that the application didn’t have any signatures. Ms. Feenick asked if anyone had done a recent site visit. Mr. Gilbert made the motion to approve the recertification contingent on the application be signed and there be a site visit by the manager. Mr. Barrett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn at 7:45 pm. Mr. Bixby provided the second. The motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson

