

MINUTES  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
BUSINESS MEETING  
October 3, 2012



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	William Champine
Clarendon	Robert Bixby	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby	William Gormley		David Wallstrom
Hubbardton	Mike Wetmore		
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Holly		Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	
Pittsford	John Weeden		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager	Joyce Segale, RCSWD
Deane Wilson, RCSWD	
Randy Dupron, CWS	
Andrea Yonge, CWS	

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

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. O’Gorman asked that Casella be allowed to present after the minutes were discussed.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

Mr. Taggart moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Weeden provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

5C. Mr. Randy Dupron and Ms. Andrea Yonge presented information on their availability to assist towns with recycling and disposal options. Mr. Wallstrom asked if businesses were included. Ms Yonge stated that the assistance extended to any operation. Mr. Bentley asked about the option of MRF tours for businesses. Ms Yonge stated that she would look into it. Mr. Gilbert asked how zero-sort would affect town finances. Mr. Dupron offered case studies of towns switching over to zero-sort and saving money. Mr. O’Gorman asked how VT law 148 requiring organics recycling would occur in Rutland County.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF AUGUST 2012

Mr. O’Gorman read his managers’ report with the conclusion that projections are on target. Mr. Bentley asked if trash tonnages had declined due to the economy or recycling efforts? Mr. O’Gorman stated that it was a result of both. Mr. Taggart moved to accept the financial statement. Mr. Weeden provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Dupron and Ms Yonge had left the building

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. E-Waste Program

Mr. O’Gorman explained that a new contract year had started with the program and a new MOU had been sent to the participating towns. There was a study underway on the design of the containers with the intent to minimize injuries. Couple of the issues with the containers was the initial cost and then an adequate exchange program guaranteeing that the same containers would be returned. Mr. O’Gorman also stated that he had been researching the purchase of a forklift.

B. Mercury Bulb Law

Mr. O’Gorman stated that a load of bulbs had been shipped under the new guidelines and he was in the process of preparing the reimbursement request

- C. Casella Waste Mgt. Single Stream MRF Update  
Mr. Dupron and Ms. Yonge had previously presented.

D. Castleton

Mr. O’Gorman stated that at a recent select board meeting the issue of withdrawing from the District had been discussed. He provided a copy of the minutes. Mr. Gilbert believes the intention of the board is to continue with the District. Mr. O’Gorman said that the procedure for the town to withdraw would be a motion from the board to withdraw but that it would have to go to the town for a public vote.

E. VT House Bill 485

Mr. O’Gorman stated that there are 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. O’Gorman also stated that the State was willing to visit interested organizations to discuss the ruling. Mr. O’Gorman said that he would reach out to select boards and haulers and schedule a time that was convenient to meet. Mr. O’Gorman provided information on a current issue with organics composting that he feels will be a concern when the organics portion of the law is enacted. Mr. Gilbert asked if a concentrated effort to encourage composting at home would meet the definition of the rule. Mr. Gilbert suggested that subsidizing the sale of the home compost bins and a comprehensive education campaign would remove much of the organics from the current waste stream. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the law required transfer stations to accept the food organics and who is responsible for building the facilities?

F. Hubbard Brothers

Mr. O’Gorman discussed the current financial situation with Hubbard’s

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Waste Paint Initiative

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he was on the steering committee for the waste paint initiative that was targeting rural area collection efforts. Mr. Gilbert asked why a fee needed to be assessed to paint, when most of the material is completely used. It made more sense to initiate a fee on tires, or on an item that once used was then discarded.

B. Budget for 2013

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the budget for 2013 was under review and explained the time line for implementing and reviewing the 2013 budget. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the bond would be paid off and that could affect the surcharge. Discussion followed on keeping the surcharge at its current level and put the money towards a capital replacement fund. Another fund mechanism that was discussed is using the \$ to help offset capital cost at District transfer stations. Mr. McGuigan suggested that the surcharge should remain as is and allocate money towards a capital improvement fund.

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Taggart moved to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Mr. Gilbert provided the second. The motion passed unanimously

Respectfully submitted  
Deane Wilson

