

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
September 4, 2013



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	
Castleton		Proctor	William Champine
Clarendon		Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Dave Wallstrom (arrive 7pm)
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:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager	Deane Wilson, RCSWD
Noah Fishman, Highfields Institute	

The meeting began with a presentation by Mr. Fishman on Highfields interest in working with RCSWD in developing compost in Rutland County. Mr. Fishman provided a history of Highfields and the projects that are currently in place. The two pieces Highfields works on is the production and research of compost. The other piece is “Close the Loop”. A project that works on community/on farm compost sites. Mr. O’Gorman asked if Highfields Compost had experienced any problems with pesticides similar to what CSWD had? Mr. Fishman stated that Highfields had a different process that seemed to eliminate that problem. Highfields research had pegged Rutland County in the range of 227 tons of food scraps per week. Discussion followed on grant funding Highfields used to work on community projects and also the possibility of a local match from the District in the \$1500 range. Highfields would coordinate the generators, the transport and the compost site and offered successful projects in the Northeast part of VT as examples. Discussion followed on whether a RFP was needed for the transport and composting of material generated. Consensus was this didn’t fit the needs for a district issued RFP. Mr. Fishman provided samples of literature that they had developed as an educational piece for any generators of organics. Mr. Wallstrom moved that the District provide \$1500 in funding to Highfields Compost to help with the educational and training campaign for organics generators in Rutland County. Mr. O’Gorman asked about digesters, biobags and winter freezing. Mr. Fishman addressed the issues. At 8:45 Mr. Bentley asked if there were any further discussion, if not Mr. Fishman was thanked for his time

At 7:00pm Mr. Wallstrom had arrived providing the votes for a quorum. Mr. Bentley asked if there were any pending information that needed attention as some of the board members needed to leave. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the American Tree invoice needed to be addressed.

1. SET AGENDA
No action taken
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 5, 2013
No action taken
3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MAY 2103
No action taken
4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Noah Fishman presented HighFields interest in Rutland County organics at the start of the meeting
5. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Health Insurance
No discussion

B. 2012 Audit

No discussion

C. E-Waste

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the State had changed course in the middle of negotiations with the current vendor servicing the State e-waste program. There were a lot of unanswered questions and concerns between all involved. A concern because the end of the current contract was less than a month away and the logistics of developing a relationship with a new vendor could not be comfortably established in less than a month along with all the new programs being developed with ACT 148.

D. _____

E. _____

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Highfields Composting

Moved to the beginning of the meeting

B. C&D Grind Program

Mr. O’Gorman provided an overview of the vendors used for the program. A current grind resulted in damage to the vendor’s machine. Mr. O’Gorman provided an invoice for review detailing the repairs needed and expected cost. Discussion followed on responsibilities and contracts. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he had been in contact with VLCT and that a claim had to be made before any decision could be offered. Mr. O’Gorman was asked if the American Tree had contacted their insurance. The consensus was the District had no liability with the matter and to offer to pay for damages not specifically covered in a contract would be opening the District to other claims. Mr. O’Gorman was instructed to discuss the matter with the District attorney and talk to American Tree about them connecting with their insurance company.

C. DSM Environmental Report on Act 148

No discussion

7. ADJOURN

Mr. Wallstrom had to leave the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Mr. Bentley asked if there were any further discussion needed for the meeting. No issues were raised.
The meeting ended at 8:55 pm

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson

