

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
February 4, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon		Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Clarendon	Bob Cogdon	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Robert Barrett
Hubbardton			
Ira		Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	Mark Tessier
Mt. Holly		Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called 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 no changes requested.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2015

Mr. Jozwiak moved to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Gilbert provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DECEMBER 2014

Mr. O’Gorman presented his managers’ report. For administration, tonnage was up slightly. Recycling commodities were down, the price of oil affecting most of the materials. Mr. Jozwiak asked if the value of commodities had ever been lower than they currently are. Mr. O’Gorman said that he would review previous years. Mr. Barrows asked at what point does the revenue stream have to be to make the material undesirable to recycle. Discussion followed on manufacturers responsibility to make their product environmentally responsible. HHW revenue was up. Mr. Barrett moved to accept the financials. Mr. Cogdon provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. MRF TRUCK SCALES

Mr. O’Gorman provided a summary of the scale construction progress. An expense sheet was distributed detailing the expenses to date. There is a balance of \$9851 with the possible credit for a couple of small expenses. A couple of issues still need to be resolved. The intercom system between the scale and the office was not ideal. Mr. O’Gorman was instructed to develop a punch list detailing any issues or concerns. Discussion focused on funding and responsibilities.

B. VARIABLE RATE PRICING ORDINANCE

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he had reached out to the towns regarding the VRP ordinance but hadn’t received much feedback except for Poultney. Another attempt will be done in the next couple of weeks. He stated that all towns except 2 had some degree of VRP in their solid waste disposal. Mr. Bentley offered to assist Mr. O’Gorman and meet with Mr. Rosenthal to discuss concerns and see if a solution could be developed. Mr. Barrows asked if Poultney had researched a curbside program and how were businesses handling their solid waste? Mr. O’Gorman stated that a curbside program was under review. Mr. Gilbert suggested that the ordinance as written would allow Poultney to allow one bag per resident, with

any additional MSW assessed a fee. Businesses would be allowed the same service. Larger businesses probably already had container service on site.

C. SWIP

Mr. O’Gorman discussed the SWIP status. Rutland needed to submit a draft this spring and a version would be available for the board to review by the next meeting.

D. LEAF AND YARD WASTE

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he had been in discussion with the state about the lack of available space at a few of the town transfer stations. The state suggested that availability to collect material can be off-site and providing information on options is suitable. Mr. O’Gorman provided information on current handling within the county. Mr. Barrows asked about the option of grinding on site and making the material available for the communities. Mr. Jozwiak asked about the status of the District’s grinding equipment. Mr. O’Gorman said that the equipment had been idle for a number of years. Mr. O’Gorman was instructed to get an appraisal of any equipment that could be sold. Mr. Barrows suggested that the reimbursement requirement also be researched.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SOLID WASTE INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Concerns were voiced about the information in the report. Clarification was needed on some of the materials mentioned. ex; plastic grocery bags didn’t differentiate between different film bags within the industry. Mr. Gilbert asked about information on page 12 regarding the residential organics requirements. How was the backyard composting considered and what about the flow of materials into NY state? Also page 9 reference “dirty paper” what constituted dirty paper?

B. TIRE RECYCLING BILL H.36

Mr. O’Gorman provided a copy of the tire recycling bill. Mr. Gilbert asked if all transfer stations were required to participate in collecting the material? Mr. Barrows said that it would be difficult to do unless there was a regional cooperation. Mr. Tessier asked about emerging technologies and if there were any civil applications that could serve as test models in the area.

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7. ADJOURN

At 8:10 p.m. Mr. Gilbert made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson

