

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rutland City	Robert Tanner, Michael Brookman, Paul Clifford	Proctor	John Jozwiak, Bruce Baccei
West Rutland	Sean Barrows	Mount Holly	Carrie Dougherty
Ira	Larry Taggart	Wallingford	Mendon
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Danby	Steve Haines
Clarendon	Alf Strom-Olsen	Killington	Pittsford
Hubbardton		Poultney	Brandon
			Gabe McGuigan
			Wells

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

Approved
9-12-18

Chairman Mr. Taggart called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with quorum present.

- 1. SET AGENDA – No agenda changes.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2018

Motion by Mr. Jozwiak to amend May 2, 2018 minutes to reflect that painting and power washing of Gleason Road scale deck be done annually. Second by Mr. Tanner. Minutes from May 2, 2018 meeting reflect that this motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously at that meeting.

Motion by Mr. Gilbert to approve May 2, 2018 minutes with second by Mr. Tanner. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF APRIL 2018

Mr. O’Gorman read manager’s report and stated year-to-date trash tonnage (as of April) is higher than previous years – 9,549.89 tons. Mr. Strom-Olsen stated this tonnage number was incorrect as last month’s manager’s report stated March 2018 year-to-date tons were 9,549.89 tons. Mr. O’Gorman will provide revised tonnage. Mr. Strom-Olsen asked why trash tons have increased. Mr. Tanner stated the city of Rutland has been demolishing many properties. Mr. Strom-Olsen asked if Casella surcharge numbers have increase since it bought Hubbard’s packer route. Mr. O’Gorman will look into this. The majority of commodities have increased or stayed the same. Discussion followed about recycling markets, China and zero sort. C & D revenues still not great for the early Spring but no major expenses. Some kinks are being worked out in the E-Waste program and HHW expenses include 2 pick-ups from Clean Harbors. Mr. McGuigan asked if HHW disposal costs were within budget. Mr. O’Gorman stated yes and we are not paying for SWAC disposal anymore.

Motion by Mr. Tanner with second by Mr. Jozwiak to accept April 2018 financial statements. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Carl Diethelm, RCSWD waste diversion outreach coordinator, introduced himself and explained his job duties. He started as an intern while at Green Mountain College and was hired as a 20 hour per week permanent part-timer as of September 2017. Much of his focus is on meeting SWIP requirements and he is working on school and business outreach. He recently worked with Clarendon Elementary School to set up a compost system. He presented a display board which highlights the district’s programs. Mr. O’Gorman stated Mr. Diethelm did a composting workshop at the Farmer’s Market with 15 participants and has worked with PEG TV. Mr. Jozwiak suggested Mr. Diethelm continue working with schools and asked Mr. O’Gorman if there were grants available to help. Mr. McGuigan suggested contacting town libraries and recreational directors as a way to educate towns on composting. Mr. Diethelm stated he appreciates feedback and suggestions from board members who can contact him.

- 5. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jozwiak would like a thank you letter to be sent to City of Rutland (Jeff Wennberg) for sweeping Gleason Road.

- A. Changes to Act 148

Mr. O’Gorman stated the Governor signed S.285 and reviewed the changes. He referenced handout from VT. ANR about Act 148. Transfer stations still have to accept residential food waste but haulers do not have to provide curbside food waste pick-up until July 1, 2020. Other changes to Act 148 include allowing charging for recycling and repealing hauler requirements for leaf/yard waste pick up and towns only have to collect leaves/brush from April through November. Mr. Strom-Olsen asked if Mr. O’Gorman anticipates the district charging for recyclables and Mr. O’Gorman stated no.

Mr. Clifford asked about bottle bill changes. Mr. O’Gorman stated escheats is the unclaimed money from bottle deposits and stores get to keep three cents and the balance used to go to State. Solid waste managers wanted the escheats for the districts but the new law requires the escheat funds to be used for cleaning Vermont waters.

B. Gleason Road- Final punch list

Mr. O’Gorman handed out the punch list and reviewed what is left. Belden was on site this past week and fixed deck, dug out ditch across from scale and painted rebar stops. Belden repaired the damage done by truck. Berm problem to displace water still needs to be addressed. Belden is scheduled to be back on site the first week in June. Mr. Strom-Olsen asked if #12 through #16 represented additional costs and Mr. O’Gorman stated they were prepaid in the original payment. Mr. O’Gorman explained the state requires twice yearly clean-outs of storm drains and every 3 years an engineer’s inspection is required.

C. Winter Plowing Review

Mr. O’Gorman reviewed the handout he prepared comparing annual weather conditions and plowing costs for winters from 2013 through 2018. Vermont League of Cities and Towns required our plow vendor to carry workmen’s compensation insurance starting in 2016 so Carpenter & Costin replaced Kiernan who did not carry workmen’s comp. Mr. Clifford asked if this went out to bid and Mr. O’Gorman stated not in a long time. Carpenter and Costin contract expires this summer. Mr. O’Gorman projected a first season cost if district purchased its own truck and plow of \$45,904-\$54,904. Mr. Gilbert questioned the overtime estimate of \$720 and it was corrected by Ms. Loffredo to double that amount. Mr. Jozwiak stated the district should buy its own truck to plow and we could purchase through the state of Vermont purchases to get best price. Ms. Dougherty asked if any employees had plowing experience.

Discussion followed about liability issues with employees doing plowing and how to pay for equipment. Mr. Jozwiak asked how much was in capital replacement account and Ms. Segale stated approximately \$120,000. Discussion between Mr. Jozwiak and Mr. Haines about status of excavator and other current equipment. Mr. McGuigan stated a district truck could be used for other purposes in warmer months for employees needing to transportation to work-related events. He stated the truck should have bold graphics as the vehicle will provide publicity for the district and could be used for outreach program. Mr. McGuigan asked Mr. O’Gorman to work up cost of truck with graphics and provide an audit of all district equipment. Mr. Taggart agreed and stated a special meeting could be held if need be before September. Mr. Barrows stated the district should still get bids on plow services so due diligence is done and Mr. McGuigan recommended getting 3 local estimates. In response to Mr. Haines Mr. O’Gorman stated employees would have time to add plowing/sanding duties to their schedules.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Gleason Road Fence

Mr. O’Gorman presented the cost proposal from Middlebury Fence for replacing the front gate at Gleason Road. He stated it was designed to accommodate a possible 2 foot expansion in the future. Motion by Mr. Jozwiak to accept the proposal with second by Mr. Tanner. Discussion followed about 9 gauge fabric quoted in proposal. Mr. Gilbert stated he believes “fabric” is just the term for metal used for fence. Mr. Barrows asked if the cost was for gate and fence and Mr. O’Gorman stated it was gate cost only. Discussion followed about screen printing the gate with district logo. Mr. McGuigan made a motion to accept Middlebury Fence proposal including printing the logo as long as it was in compliance with city ordinance and if it added less than \$1,000 to project. Second by Mr. Jozwiak. Mr. Gilbert voted no to spending extra money on logo. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

D. Delinquent Haulers

Mr. O’Gorman stated there were 2 delinquent haulers- Hubbard Brothers and East Coast Rubbish. RCSWD ordinance states that a hauler license will not be renewed if surcharges are more than 90 days in arrears on January 1st. He contacted the state of Vermont and was told the State’s licensing requirements are different and the state would not act in this case. Mr. Strom-Olsen stated we can prevent these haulers from using our facility. East Coast owes \$1,048 to pay through September 2017. Hubbard’s last reports were for September 2016. The compliance investigator collects \$2,000 from Hubbard for RCSWD surcharges each week and provides tonnages for haulers who use Hubbard – these haulers pay surcharges directly to the district. They are not collected by Hubbard. It was agreed to continue weekly payment schedule by Hubbard’s collected by the compliance investigator.

ADJOURN

At 7:50 P.M. motion by Mr. Tanner with second by Mr. Clifford to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting is September 5, 2018.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Segale