

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
March 1, 2015

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon		Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Clarendon	Bob Cogdon	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Robert Barrett
Hubbardton	Mike Wetmore		Gary Donahue
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	Mark Tessier
Mt. Holly	Clinton Woolley	Wells	Enoch Pratt
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager
Deane Wilson, RCSWD

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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. Taggart 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 . 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 and what was the effect on zero-sort. Mr. O’Gorman said that the Gleason Rd site was still doing source separated. Mr. Barrows asked the future of zero sort? Mr. O’Gorman discussed zero-sort and said that there hadn’t been any opposition yet. Mr. Jozwiak offered that the District should keep a close eye on zero-sort before it falls. 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. VARIABLE RATE PRICING ORDINANCE

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he has copies of the state sample and a sample Casella has submitted for review. Mr. O’Gorman combined the two for the board to review. Discussion followed on Casella’s submittal which deleted various parts of the state sample. Mr. Barrows said that much of what Casella has deleted is the guts of the ordinance. Mr. Donahue asked if the ordinance covered the whole District and who enforces it. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the ordinance does cover all the towns and the District has the power to enforce.

B. SWIP

Mr. O’Gorman discussed the SWIP status. Mr. Bentley asked what the time frame was for the SWIP. Mr. O’Gorman stated it needed final approval at the end of June but a requirement was that at least 2 public hearings needed to be held before then.

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6. NEW BUSINESS

A. SOLID WASTE SERVICE FEE

Mr. O’Gorman explained that the state was looking at alternatives to the current funding system. With the current program, only trash is taxed and as tonnages go down, so do revenues. A system that had a sales tax on all transactions would provide a stable level of revenue. Discussion followed on the negative effect that would have on programs that were promoted to reduce waste. Mr. Barrows suggested that more needs to be done with the packaging industry and that they have a greater responsibility in sharing disposal cost. Mr. Bentley asked if the board wanted Mr. O’Gorman to offer suggestions to the state on any proposed funding systems. The consensus at this time was to watch the funding developments but not actively participate.

B. SOLID WASTE SURVEY

Mr. O’Gorman explained that part of the Material Management Plan was to receive feedback from the public on their knowledge of solid waste practices. An example was distributed that the state had written along with a sample that the CSWD currently uses. The board felt the State example was too lengthy and that most people wouldn’t take the time to fill out 8 pages of questions. Discussion followed on who would distribute a questionnaire and administrate the results. The boards voiced unanimously that the State should take the initiative and perform the questionnaire.

C. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS UPDATE

Mr. O’Gorman explained recent events concerning delinquent accounts. At the end of 2014 an amendment was accepted that detailed haulers would not have their licenses renewed if they were 90 days delinquent on accounts at the end of the year. This resulted in delinquent accounts becoming current and licenses were issued for 2015. Unfortunately there isn’t any wordage or penalties in the charter formation or ordinance that discusses ongoing issues with accounts. Mr. O’Gorman was instructed to draft a policy that would assess a service charge of 1.5% on accounts after 30 days delinquent.

Mr. Jozwiak questioned the visual condition of the Gleason Rd Transfer Station. GMP and schools were visiting the site and the current spring time conditions were indicative of that time of year. Mr. Jozwiak asked if the city could be included in cleaning up the site. Mr. O’Gorman explained that construction was still underway with the solar project and that the city has offered to review any site design/changes but didn’t have the staff or time to do on site work. Discussion followed on who will be responsible for maintenance of the property with the amount of tours expected and also the possibility of designing an alternative route to access the facility.

Mr. Wooley asked about ACT 148 transfer station yard waste requirements. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that current management varied amongst the transfer stations and there were options that towns could use. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that any current burn programs were frowned upon and that the state would likely discourage that practice.

Mr. Jozwiak asked if there had been any development with the status of the light poles along Smith Rd. Mr. O’Gorman said that nothing has been discussed with the city yet. Discussion followed on who owns the poles and the current condition/upgrades needed to put them back in use.

7. ADJOURN

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Wetmore made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Jozwiak seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson

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