

MINUTES  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
BUSINESS MEETING  
APRIL 6, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rutland City	Robert Barrett, Gary Donahue	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Mount Holly	
Ira	Larry Taggart	Wallingford	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Pittsford	Danby
Clarendon	Robert Congdon		Killington
Hubbardton	Mike Wetmore	Poultney	Wells
West Rutland	Sean Barrows		Mendon

OTHERS PRESENT:

James O’Gorman, District Manager	Joyce Segale, RCSWD	Deane Wilson, RCSWD
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Acting chairman Mr. Taggart called meeting to order at 6:33 P.M. with quorum present.

1. SET AGENDA – No changes to agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2016

Mr. Gilbert requested a correction of 3/9/16 minutes on page 2 under New Business (A) to read that Mr. Gilbert expressed concern on the private organics requirements (not the commercial requirements as written). Motion by Mr. Jozwiak with second by Mr. Congdon to accept March 9, 2016 minutes with this change. Motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF JANUARY 2016

Mr. O’Gorman read monthly review of January 2016 financials. Actual trash tonnage for month is lower than budgeted and lower than past years’ January tonnage. There was transfer of \$7,500 to MRF fund which was noted on the board warrant. Markets for most recyclables have not changed significantly except for increase in PETE and tin and decrease in #2 colored plastics. No significant expenditures for January. Motion by Mr. Congdon to accept January 2016 financial statements with second by Mr. Barrett. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Presentation by Kimberly Griffin, director of Marble Valley Grows which is a program run through College of St. Joseph (CSJ) working to educate Rutland County school students from kindergarten through grade 12 on food waste and community gardens. CSJ students teach one hour lessons monthly. Mr. Barrows asked what schools the program serves. Current schools are Northeast, Northwest, Christ the King, Lothrop and kindergarten in Proctor with plans to go to Clarendon. Compost systems with red wrigglers are in classrooms. Puppet shows, games, quizzes and posters are used to teach organics recycling in simple science. School organics go into CSJ compost system except in winter months. Ms. Griffin has spoken with Green Mountain College and Castleton University to discuss having its students teach.

Program is funded by grants. A three year grant for \$80,000 from Bowse Foundation at Rutland Regional Medical Center started three months ago. Mr. McGuigan asked how much knowledge goes home. Ms. Griffin stated a survey was done at start of program and will be done at end of semester to gauge success and progress. Mr. O’Gorman stated funding of the program by RCSWD would meet requirements of both SWIP and Act 148 and \$5,000 has been budgeted for such programs. Mr. Gilbert asked how much Ms. Griffin is looking for and how do maintenance staffs at schools react. She stated there has been pretty good response from custodial staff. She stated most of the grant money goes to salaries and operations. Mr. Gilbert asked about summer participation and Ms. Griffin stated she has spoken with Tapestry program about getting involved. Mr. Gilbert asked Mr. O’Gorman if he had an amount in mind. Mr. O’Gorman stated he recommended a donation of \$2,500. Motion by Mr. Gilbert with second by Mr. Congdon to give a \$2,500 donation to Marble Valley Grows. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed about board getting updates and possible sources for other grant monies such as grocery stores.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Jozwiak stated repairs on the excavator will be done this month- fixed leaks, muffler and will fix tooth. Mr. Congdon asked if the district has a regular maintenance schedule yet. Mr. O’Gorman stated Casella will do regular maintenance.

A. House Bill 602- Increase in State Trash Tax

Mr. O’Gorman stated the bill was dead. Many haulers testified against it and Deb Markowitz of the state was also against it. There are concerns about organics being an unfunded mandate. Mr. O’Gorman stated exemptions go away in

2020 and RCSWD must show its efforts with organics program to meet SWIP requirements. There is one more year before curbside organics pick-up begins. State says the district can increase tonnage fees to cover organics costs. Discussion followed about cost of Act 148 to haulers. Discussion followed about the district's trash and recycling trends. Quarterly reports to the state track this information and Mr. O'Gorman will share this information with the board.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. E-Waste Program – State Bids

Mr. O'Gorman said the state had gone out to bid for contractor to handle E-waste. We will probably get \$0.05/lb. for unsorted and \$0.08/lb. for sorted. We have mostly separated E-waste since program started. Mr. Gilbert asked how much E-waste we collect annually. Mr. O'Gorman stated two tractor trailer loads per month are picked up. He will get specific tonnage numbers for next meeting.

Mr. Jozwiak asked if the district is looking into getting any new boxes. Mr. O'Gorman stated we are in good shape with the boxes we have. Mr. Jozwiak was asked to get price estimate on 30 yard box for future reference.

Mr. Jozwiak asked about status of transfer station vehicle scale. Mr. O'Gorman stated he had spoken with Farnham Scales today. Discussion followed about issues affecting installation of a full size scale such as drainage and traffic patterns. Mr. Barrett asked if trash trucks could weigh out at MRF scale but it usually takes two or three tries to get correct weight for trash loads. Mr. Gilbert suggested board members go to Gleason Road transfer station to see scale set-up and suggestions can be discussed at next meeting. Mr. Taggart suggested Casella Waste be approached about picking up difference in cost between a small versus full-size scale as only its trucks require the full-size scale. State inspector is usually here in July. Motion by Mr. Congdon with second by Mr. Jozwiak to ask City of Rutland engineers to survey scale set-up at Gleason Road. Motion passed unanimously.

## 7. ADJOURN

At 7:48 P.M. motion by Mr. Congdon with second by Mr. Barrett to adjourn meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting is May 4, 2016.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Segale