

MINUTES  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
BUSINESS MEETING  
December 15, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan (by phone)	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Clarendon		Rutland City	
Danby			Robert Barrett
Hubbardton	Mike Wetmore		Gary Donahue
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon	Susannah Loffredo	Wallingford	
Mt. Holly		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager	Deane Wilson, RCSWD
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Mr. Taggart called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with quorum present

1. SET AGENDA

Mr. Taggart asked if there were any changes to the agenda. No changes were offered.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2015

Mr. Jozwiak moved to accept the minutes. Mr. Barrett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT OCTOBER 2015

Mr. O’Gorman presented his managers’ report. For administration, tonnage was up . Recycling commodities were down. Mr. Barrett moved to accept the financials. Mr. Donahue provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2016 BUDGET

Mr. O’Gorman presented his budget for 2016. The schedule for public notification had been changed because of board meeting adjustments. The public notice would be in Thursday’s paper and the 10 day public notice period would move the schedule to December 30<sup>th</sup> with the Board accepting the 2016 budget on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the budget has an 3.96% increase overall. Mr. Jozwiak asked the reason? Mr. O’Gorman stated that health insurance cost increased 5.2%. For the administration budget, the line items were pretty much level funded. Mr. Jazwiak asked about the weighting revenue line item. Mr. O’Gorman explained the program. Discussion followed on the possibility of increasing rates and no more freebees. Mr. O’Gorman also stated that there had been an increase in the legal fees because of recent activities in 2015. Mr. Jozwiak asked if we paid the lawyer by the hour or if we had a contract. Mr. O’Gorman stated by the hour. Mr. Jozwiak suggested a contract be reviewed.

The recycling budget had seen some adjustments because the town transfer stations had switched to zero-sort and the billing/processing fees were now paid directly to Casella. The supplies line item indicated an increase because of the purchase of multi year’s supply of desktide bins.

The construction & demolition program budget was largely dependent on the amount of shingles still arriving from the hail damage last summer. It is expected that most of that material would decrease thru 2016. One item that could provide an increase in this department is the new state law ACT175 which states that certain materials in the construction trade would be recycled.

The household hazardous waste program is expected to process more material because of the increase in materials accepted, but it is anticipated that the revenue would drop because the product stewardship initiative that covers the disposal cost but doesn’t provide an offset in the handling increase. E-waste revenue would drop because the compensation had decrease to 4 cents per pound as the previous years it had been 5 cents. Mr. O’Gorman also had dropped the salaries line item because of the

hiring of new personnel at a lower rate. Mr. Barrett asked why the vehicle line item was \$0, that it should indicate some wear and tear on the truck with the anticipation that the truck would need to be replaced in the future. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that he would plug in \$5000 for that line item.

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he had increased the food waste budget slightly in response to ACT148 requirements. Mr. Gilbert stated that there was a review at the state level on some of the demands for the program and that time frame requirements might be adjusted in the future. Mr. Taggart stated that town health officials were already worried about the possible scenarios that could develop.

The transfer station budget has a slight increase in labor related cost. Other than those the line items remained close to the previous year. Discussion followed on the metal program, the value of the material had dropped considerable. Mr. Jazwiak asked if the material was put out to bid. Mr. O’Gorman stated that a contract was in place until mid 2016 with Earth Waste. Mr. O’Gorman also mentioned that the tire program revenue had dropped considerably because of the loss of a major client.

Mr. Gilbert moved that the budget be advertised and that the December 30<sup>th</sup> hearing be held for public comment, with the board accepting the budget at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting, provided there weren’t any issues at the public comment time frame. Mr. Barrett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

B. E-WASTE general update

Mr. O’Gorman provided an overview on the recent developments for the e-waste program. The contractor responsible for reimbursing collections has agreed to 4 cents per pound to offset collection cost. Most Districts had signed on with reluctance.

C. MRF STORMWATER - update

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6. NEW BUSINESS

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

D. \_\_\_\_\_

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL MATTERS

At 7:50pm Mr. Gilbert moved to enter executive session. Mr. Barrett made the motion to come out of executive session. The Board came out of executive session at 8:25. No action was taken.

8. ADJOURN

At 8:04 p.m. Mr. Taggart made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted  
Deane Wilson