

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2017

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rutland City	Robert Barrett, Pat Menduni, Gary Donahue	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Mount Holly	
Ira	Larry Taggart	Wallingford	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Pittsford	Baird Morgan
Clarendon	Robert Congdon	Killington	
Hubbardton		Wells	
West Rutland		Mendon	Susannah Loffredo

OTHERS PRESENT:

James O’Gorman, District Manager Joyce Segale, RCSWD Deane Wilson, RCSWD
Acting chairman Mr. Taggart called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. with quorum present.

1. SET AGENDA – Mr. O’Gorman stated there was an addition under new business - the issue of the town of Castleton considering leaving RCSWD.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2016

Motion by Mr. Jozwiak with second by Mr. Barrett to accept December 14, 2016 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF NOVEMBER 2016

Mr. O’Gorman read manager’s report. Year- to- date trash tonnage is down about 640 tons from last year. November actual trash tonnage is 2,080 tons versus budgeted 2,898. Most commodity prices have gone up in October and November while zero sort fee has gone down. Recycling and C&D had no major expense. SWAC charges for town collections and pesticide reimbursement is reflected in HHW revenue. Earth Waste will be cleaning out metal pile within next 2 weeks. Discussion followed about metal program - price is based on New England market. Mr. O’Gorman stated next spring this will go out to bid. It was agreed that future contracts should specify time frames for metal clean outs. Motion by Mr. Barrett to accept November 2016 financial statements with second by Mr. Jozwiak. Motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public in attendance.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Final 2017 Budget

Motion by Mr. Congdon with second by Mr. Barrett to approve final 2017 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Charter Change

Mr. O’Gorman sent the language change to all district town Select Board Chairpersons and town clerks. A copy of this letter was included in board packet. Only the Rutland City attorney sent comments back. Mr. Donahue stated he received some negative feedback from some aldermen. Next Thursday there is a 5:30 p.m. meeting at Rutland City Hall regarding possible charter change – a select committee has to approve anything put on ballot. Mr. Morgan suggested that board members could participate at meetings by telephone for a quorum if unable to attend in person.

Discussion followed about the language of the ballot question with regard to its impact on solving the problem of not having a quorum. Mr. Taggart stated article 2 is only for quorum purposes, not for voting power purposes and the City of Rutland would maintain its voting power. Mr. Donahue agreed. Mr. Gilbert read from the Union Municipal Agreement which states that a special meeting should be called and the change does not have to go to each district town for vote. Mr. O’Gorman passed out section 4 of the municipal agreement at bottom of page 29. Ms. Menduni stated the letter the towns got did not clarify that it was addressing the quorum issue only. Ms. Loffredo stated why either approve article 1 or 2 when neither would solve the issue. Mr. Taggart suggested that the charter change be scrapped. Motion by Mr. Jozwiak to rescind the proposed charter change and notify district town clerks and select boards of this decision. This was seconded by Mr. Barrett. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. O’Gorman will notify all town boards and clerks via telephone and mail.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Town of Castleton

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Mr. O’Gorman received a call from Castleton’s town manager, Mark Shea, saying the town was considering leaving RCSWD. Mr. O’Gorman sent him an analysis of the services and benefits the town receives as member of the district. The town presently pays about \$14,000 annually to RCSWD - Castleton would have to pay SWAC approximately \$20,000 annually if it left the district. Castleton would also have to develop its own SWIP. Mr. Gilbert said user fees pay the operating costs for town of Castleton transfer station. He stated non-district towns should be charged more for HHW collections than at present. He asked if SWAC is charged a set-up fee like Clean Harbors would – Mr. O’Gorman stated we do not charge a set-up fee for SWAC collections but we do charge for labor and batching time. Clean Harbors would charge a \$2,000 set up fee if it was doing a separate collection for a non-district town. Mr. O’Gorman will attend the next Town of Castleton select board meeting. Mr. Gilbert asked if Castleton University pays a district tip fee. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the school’s hauler – Casella – pays the tipping fee. Mr. O’Gorman will prepare an analysis of the costs of SWAC HHW collections at the next meeting in March. Mr. McGuigan asked if RCSWD is obligated to do SWAC collections. Mr. O’Gorman stated RCSWD is not obligated but we do have to pick up paint and bulbs if we do the HHW runs. The district can set its own fees for collections.

B. Pay Levels

Mr. Gilbert stated he would like to see the Executive Committee continue working on pay raises as he would like to see employees earning lower levels of pay receive higher pay raises than the present across the board cost of living annual increase. Mr. Taggart stated designated skills should be developed for each position with raises contingent upon acquiring new skills. Mr. McGuigan agreed and stated ranges of pay should be developed. Motion by Mr. Taggart to have the Executive Committee develop recommendations for pay raises with second by Mr. Jozwiak. Motion passed unanimously.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION – No need for executive session

8. ADJOURN

At 7:25 P.M. motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Congdon to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting is March 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Segale