

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
JUNE 24, 2015

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

James O’Gorman, District Manager Joyce Segale, RCSWD

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

1. SET AGENDA – No changes to agenda.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Bentley asked if there were any nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Motion by Mr. Congdon with second by Mr. Barrett to elect Bruce Bentley for Chair, Larry Taggart for Vice-Chair, Joyce Segale for Treasurer, Deane Wilson for Clerk, and James O’Gorman for Grand Juror and for Executive Committee to remain as Mr. Bentley, Mr. Taggart and Mr. ~~O’Gorman~~. Motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2015

Motion by Mr. Jozwiak with second by Mr. Congdon to accept May 6, 2015 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

4. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF APRIL 2015

Mr. O’Gorman read monthly review of April 2015 financials. Year to date trash tonnage is higher than previous years. Mr. O’Gorman received a copy of Washington Post article about recycling and the markets – it cited the contamination problem with zero sort but offered no solutions Markets for most recyclables have stayed same with #2 natural and colored going up significantly. C&D revenue has picked up for the season and transfer station revenue is on target. In HHW, biggest expense was disposal costs – rural collection runs are taking place. Motion by Mr. Barrett to accept April 2015 financial statements with second by Mr. Donahue. Motion passed unanimously.

5. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public in attendance

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. SWIP

Mr. O’Gorman stated there has been back and forth about SWIP changes with final change on 6/10/15. He stated follow-up revisions have been completed and as of Friday we got pre-approval so the SWIP is ready for board approval. Mr. Bentley asked Mr. O’Gorman if there was anything the State requested be changed that surprised him. Mr. O’Gorman stated outreach will be a challenge. Within first year of SWIP approval the State wants us to conduct survey to find out what residents of RCSWD know about Act 148 and recycling . State came up with draft questionnaire that was six pages long. In fourth year, RCSWD will be required to re-survey the residents. The challenge is to find consistency with all of the districts’ survey methods. Mr. Barrows asked what typical rate of response is – Mr. O’Gorman stated 10%. Mr. Barrows suggested a mailing with an expectation of 10% response would be most efficient and effective. Mr. Bentley commented that maybe Castleton State College could help with survey. Mr. O’Gorman stated there are 2,189 businesses in our district but he believes the state would not be requiring outreach at every business. Mr. O’Gorman confirmed to Mr. Congdon’s question that this meeting was the public hearing for our SWIP. Motion by Mr. Barrett with second by Mr. Taggart to approve SWIP – motion passed unanimously.

B. STREET LIGHTS

Mr. Donahue spoke with Jeffrey Wennberg, Rutland City Public Works Commissioner, about street lights on Smith Street. Solar lights have advantage with low maintenance but cost is \$6,000 - \$7,000 each. Cost decreases significantly with purchase of at least 10 lights. Mr. Donahue stated we could probably use existing poles. Mr. Barrows stated West Rutland had problems with its solar lights so he recommended looking at lights from several vendors.

Rutland City is planning on purchasing at least 10 solar lights. Mr. Donahue will speak with Mr. Wennberg and report back to Mr. O'Gorman.

Mr. Jozwiak asked if we are done with the scale as far as Fairbanks Scales is concerned. Mr. O'Gorman stated yes – Fairbanks came and finished punch list. Scale has not yet been inspected. Discussion followed about drivers hitting the scale curbs and what can be done. Mr. Pratt suggested having a "Use Caution" sign. Mr. Bentley stated we should try the less expensive solutions first – whips and caution sign before considering more expensive options like a rub rail.

Mr. Jozwiak asked if we are doing paving this year. Mr. O'Gorman stated yes but it will be cement by the staircase. He got one paving quote for \$19,000 – he stated our base should be good. It was agreed by board that Mr. O'Gorman should get 3 paving quotes.

Mr. Jozwiak asked about the policy for recycling plastic children's toys. Mr. O'Gorman stated there have been instances of plastic children's pools in zero sort but it is discouraged. Plastic playground equipment or toys cannot be recycled if they contain metal rods.

Mr. McGuigan stated he had heard from smaller haulers that Act 148 requirements are causing hardship and financial burdens. Customers are complaining to haulers who are required to picking up recyclable but cannot charge for them. Mr. Bentley asked Mr. McGuigan to document complaints and we'll bring these concerns to the State. Mr. O'Gorman stated we could set up meeting with haulers and possibly invite the state to come.

Mr. Jozwiak asked about the status of the tub grinder and Mack truck in back of MRF. Mr. O'Gorman stated Winmill has expressed interest in buying truck so he can get Earle's to put value on it. Mr. McGuigan asked if grant monies have to be repaid if grinder or truck sold. Mr. O'Gorman stated yes and the district would have to go out for bids if it decided to sell. Discussion followed about brush grinding and pros and cons of using our grinder. Mr. O'Gorman will get numbers for our brush and grind program for next meeting. Mr. Barrows stated the smaller towns have problems with space needed for brush and organics.

7. ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Taggart with second by Mr. Barrett to adjourn meeting at 7:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting is September 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Segale