

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
March 9, 2016

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	Jonas Rosenthal
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Clarendon	Arthur Knox	Rutland City	
Danby			Robert Barrett
Hubbardton			
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon		Wallingford	
Mt. Holly	Clint Wooley	West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager	Deane Wilson, RCSWD
Joyce Segale, RCSWD	

Mr. Taggart called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 January 6, 2016

Mr. Gilbert moved to accept the minutes with the correction that the cover sheet for the agenda reflect 2016. Mr. Barrett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 2015

Mr. O’Gorman presented his managers’ report. For administration, tonnage was up. Recycling commodities were down. Mr. Jozwiak asked what materials were affected the most. Mr. O’Gorman said there weren’t any major changes, but that the zero sort processing cost had risen \$7/ton for the month. Mr. Gilbert moved to accept the financials. Mr. Barrett provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Kimberly Griffin and Laura MacLachlan were scheduled to present current work they had underway in Rutland educating students on food waste / rescue options. Were unable to attend due to the short notice on the District’s rescheduling.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. MRF Stormwater – update

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the engineer said the facility is not in compliance of the VT Storm Water regulations. But because the EPA and the State are rewriting the rules the best procedure would be to wait for the states guidance once the new reg’s are in place. Mr. Barrett asked what the estimated cost would be to be in compliance now and Mr. O’Gorman indicated that it would be around \$2300. Mr. McGuigan asked if there the possibilities of penalties? Mr. O’Gorman indicated that there wouldn’t be. Mr. Rosenthal asked if the District had applied for any Storm Water grants? Mr. O’Gorman indicated at this point there hadn’t been any applications submitted.

B. Tire legislation

Mr. Gilbert asked that Mr. O’Gorman keep the board updated on the tire legislation that has been previously addressed at the state level. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the tire issue has stalled and not much has been discussed.

C. _____.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. House Bill 602 increase in State Trash Tax and Funding for Act 148

Mr. O’Gorman provided an overview of current proposal to increase the state fee which would be earmarked for ACT 148 requirements. The bill has been reshaped to remove the franchise fee exemption for out-of-state trash; adds \$3 to the current \$6 ton franchise tax for 3 year and provides up to 40% grand funding for infrastructure. Priority is on organics with some money for recycling infrastructure. The \$6/ ton franchise fee would be eliminated in 5 years. It also creates a study committee. Mr. Rosenthal voiced that he felt that the expected grants won’t be enough to offset requirements. Mr. Gilbert expressed concern on the commercial organics requirements. Residential backyard compost systems were feasible. Suggestion was to connect with the state representatives and let them know the concerns.

B. Personnel Policy

Mr. O’Gorman asked if the Board had any issues or concerns if an employee used short term disability before depleting vacation and sick benefits. Discussion followed on legal requirements and Mr. O’Gorman indicated that there were no legal rulings detailing one procedure over another. Consensus was to leave the issue alone and let the employee decide.

C. MRF scale blacktop and concrete work

Mr. Jozwiak asked the status of finishing the new scale project. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that he was working on it. Mr. Jozwiak offered to provide the labor if the District picked up the material cost for finishing the concrete sidewalk portion of the project. Mr. Barrett moved to accept Mr. Jozwiak’s offer to provide the concrete work. Mr. Knox provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

D. _____

7. ADJOURN

At 7:40 p.m. Mr. Gilbert made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson