

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
November 2, 2016

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Clarendon	Bob Cogdon	Rutland City	Gary Donahue
Danby			
Hubbardton	Mike Wetmore		
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon	Susannah Loffredo	Wallingford	
Mt. Holly	Clint Wooley	West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford	Baird Morgan		

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jim O’Gorman, RCSWD Manager	Deane Wilson, RCSWD
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At 6:50 the meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.

1. SET AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OCTOBER, 2016

Mr. Gilbert moved to accept the October minutes. Mr. Cogdon provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2016

Mr. O’Gorman presented his managers’ report. For administration, tonnage was down, but on par for this time of year. Recycling commodities were even. Revenue met expectations for all departments. C&D had a grinding charge of \$11,875. Mr. Jozwiak asked how the grinding expense compared to the income. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that the ground material was shipped to McNeil Energy Plant. It was further explained that there was a combined income to offset the cost of managing the program. Income was generated when the preground material was brought to the facility; customers had to pay for dropping the material and after grinding there were a number of markets that the finished material was shipped to. Mr. Jozwiak asked for a spreadsheet detailing the income and expenses for the grind program. Mr. Cogdon moved to accept the financials. Mr. Barrows provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Scales at Gleason Road – update

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the engineers would be test drilling at the transfer station Friday to gather information for the new scale base. Discussion followed on the different methods of siting the new scale. Mr. Cogdon asked about the status of the scale at the MRF. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that Wilk Paving would finish the project in the spring of 2017. Mr. Jozwiak suggested that the cost be reviewed.

B. Charter Change for Quorum

Mr. O’Gorman provided information based on the District charter that could allow change to the current point system for board meetings. There was an option for the charter to allow for 1 vote per municipality except for Rutland which would have 3 votes. Discussion followed on the wordage and the need for information to be presented. Consensus was for Mr. O’Gorman to discuss the correct wordage with the District attorney and also look at what VLCT might have for information.

C. Organics

Mr. O’Gorman stated that a meeting between various stakeholders in the organics hauling requirements that start July 1, 2017 had been scheduled for November 15th at the Brandon Town Hall. Mr. O’Gorman also had received preliminary cost for moving organics from transfer stations. TAM has indicated the cost at \$300 per pull and a \$35/ton tip fee. Casella will charge a flat fee per toter.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Draft Budget

Mr. O’Gorman provided a copy of the proposed 2017 budget. Overall the budget is 12% less than 2016. Mr. Gilbert requested that the staff that are at the lower income brackets are provided with a greater increase than the 2.5%COLA offered.

Mr. Jozwiak asked what the employee contribution was the health insurance. Mr. O’Gorman said that it was 10%. Mr. Jozwiak suggested that the contribution be reviewed as the cost of the policy continues to climb. Other highlights that Mr. O’Gorman indicated was a \$2 increase in the surcharge, going from \$17.97 to \$19.97. Discussion followed on the impact food waste diversion would have. Mr. O’Gorman indicated that there would be a 30% loss of MSW tonnage once organics was collected. Discussion followed on the actual expectation of how much organics diversion was anticipated.

Electronics line item was up because of an increase in compensation from the State program. Original expectations were 3 cents per pound, but it has ended up at 8 cents per pound. Mr. O’Gorman explained the \$40,000 capital reserve fund. Currently there is \$200,000 in the budget. Discussion followed on what the reserve was expected to cover. Conversation followed on the current status of equipment and expected expenses. Mr. Baird suggested that the reserve fund be increased to \$50,000 for the upcoming year.

Mr. O’Gorman provided a time frame for the budget process and indicated that he would have the mentioned adjustments in the packet that will be presented to the board at the December meeting.

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C. _____

D. _____

7. Executive Session – personnel
At 7:50 it was moved to enter executive session.

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8. ADJOURN
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Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson