

MINUTES
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RUTLAND COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
BUSINESS MEETING
September 2, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon	Gabe McGuigan	Poultney	
Castleton	Tim Gilbert	Proctor	John Jozwiak
Clarendon	Bob Cogdon	Rutland City	Bruce Bentley
Danby			Robert Barrett
Hubbardton	Mike Wetmore		
Ira	Larry Taggart	Killington	
Mendon	Susannah Loffredo	Wallingford	Mark Tessier
Mt. Holly		Wells	
Mt. Tabor		West Rutland	Sean Barrows
Pittsford			

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M. with quorum present

1. SET AGENDA

New members were introduced. Mr. Bentley asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were no changes requested.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 24, 2015

Mr. Gilbert said that the voting for executive board has Mr. O’Gorman as a member and should read that Mr. Gilbert is the member. Mr. Jozwiak moved to accept the minutes with the corrections. Mr. Wetmore provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

3. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY 2015

Mr. O’Gorman presented his managers’ report. For administration, tonnage was up. Recycling commodities were down. Mr. Gilbert asked if the receivables had improved. Mr. O’Gorman state that they had, a couple of the delinquent accounts had been making double payments. Mr. Jozwiak asked if the board packets could be mailed out earlier, he wasn’t receiving his until the day before the meeting. Mr. O’Gorman said that he would mail out the board packets on Thursday instead of Fridays. Mr. Barrett moved to accept the financials. Mr. Cogdon provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No Public in attendance

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. SOLID WASTE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the state had accepted the RCSWD SWIP on August 8th. Mr. O’Gorman provided an overview of the SWIP and some of the requirements that will have to be met within the next 6 months.. One of the requirements is a survey has to be completed at the beginning of the swip. Mr. Gilbert suggested contacting Castleton University Polling Institute. Ms. Loffredo suggested included them with town mailings. Mr. Tessier suggested using Front Page Forum. Mr. O’Gorman said that he would check on the suggestions. Discussion followed on the format and the length of the survey.

B. CONCRETE QUOTES FOR MRF SCALES

Mr. O’Gorman received 3 quotes for concrete work needed for the new MRF scale. Alternate Paving, Tedesco and Belden submitted bids. Mr. Jozwiak asked where the funding was coming from. Mr. McGuigan asked if a spec sheet or

bid package had been used. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he met with all 3 contractors and showed them what he was looking for. Discussion followed on the discrepancies of the bids. Mr. Barrows moved to accept the Belden bid. Mr. Tessier provided the second. The board members voted no. Mr. O’Gorman was asked to provide a comparison of the bids and present it to the board at the next meeting.

C. PAVING QUOTES FOR MRF SCALES

Mr. O’Gorman stated that he had received 3 bids on paving that needs to be done for the new MRF scale. Mr. Bentley asked if the bids were compatible. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he hadn’t reviewed the details. Mr. McGuigan asked if the contractors were submitting bids on specific specs or their interpretations of what was expected. Board members offered suggestions on wordage for a spec sheet that the contractors could look at and have for reference. Mr. Jozwiak asked if there was a time frame to complete these projects. The consensus was November 1st.

D. MACK TRUCK, LOADER & EXCAVATOR

Mr. Jozwiak offered that the District equipment was in rough shape and asked what the maintenance procedure was? Mr. O’Gorman said that some repairs had recently been made to the loader. Discussion followed on the age and shape of the equipment. Mr. McGuigan asked who currently maintains the equipment and Mr. O’Gorman said that Winmall was used. Mr. Jozwiak suggested connecting with Casella construction and Winmall to review the equipment and provide an overview of the current condition and the needed repairs. Mr. Bentley suggested that staff provide a list of the current equipment, the current condition and list of needed repairs. And also provide a column on how the equipment is used and for what programs. Discussion followed on the past grinding program. Board asked Mr. O’Gorman to prepare a review of the current grinding program and provide recommendations on continued operations.

E. AUDIT

The audit has been completed and Mr. Sabotka will be at the October 7th board meeting to address any concerns or questions. Mr. Cogdon moved to table any discussion on the audit until the October meeting. Mr. Jozwiak provided the second.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. HIGH HAZARDS AGREEMENT

Mr. O’Gorman stated that the HHW programs have experienced incidences where unknown materials have been received that present a high hazard. The DEC and State Police have entered into an agreement and a MOU that provides a bomb box to deal with the hazard.

B. BATTERY STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. O’Gorman explained the state battery takeback program starting next year. The RCSWD has historically taken batteries so this isn’t an inconvenience and will the District to recoup disposal cost of some of the batteries that haven’t had an outlet.

C. STATE SURCHARGE AND PROPOSED SERVICE FEE (DSM REPORT)

Mr. O’Gorman explained that the state was looking at alternatives to the current funding system. With the current program, only trash is taxed and as tonnages go down, so do revenues. A system that had a sales tax on all transactions would provide a stable level of revenue. Discussion followed on the negative effect that would have on programs that were promoted to reduce waste. Mr. Barrows suggested that more needs to be done with the packaging industry and that they have a greater responsibility in sharing disposal cost. Mr. Bentley asked if the board wanted Mr. O’Gorman to offer suggestions to the state on any proposed funding systems. The consensus at this time was to watch the funding developments but not actively participate.

Mr. Barrows also asked what the policy was with Freon containing units. He had paid for disposal of 2 units at the Gleason Rd site and was wondering why another local transfer station said they would take it for free if the Freon were emptied. Mr. O’Gorman stated that he would post the management sheet for proper Freon unit handling on the District website.

7. ADJOURN

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Cogdon made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Barrett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted
Deane Wilson