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Board of Supervisors
Annual District Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2013
Springfield Select Board Hall, 3rd Floor, Springfield, Vermont

MINUTES

1. Public Hearing on FY14 Work Plan, Budget and Tipping Fee Surcharge Increase

Public Hearing called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Forrest Randall. No comment was offered on the FY14 Work Plan nor on the FY14 Budget. Matt Priestly of Alva Waste Co. asked what the tipping fee surcharge increase is going to – household hazardous waste collections or administration. M. Priestly was given a copy of the proposed FY14 Budget. F. Randall explained various expenses in the budget. Tom Kennedy noted that \$20,000 was taken from the District's cash account to balance the budget because of the decreased volume of trash. More discussion ensued. M. Priestly wondered if all the income should come from trash – perhaps some should come from recycling. Bob Forguites noted that the District's surcharge is very low and that the District is run efficiently relative to other districts statewide.

Tom Marsh asked if the District would consider a pilot program for accepting and disposing of bulky waste (e.g., furniture). Windsor does not have a transfer station. A suggestion was offered that Windsor partner with a town that does have a transfer station; Derek Suursoo noted that Chester does that with Springfield. T. Kennedy said that perhaps this could be a line item in the budget. Tom Kenyon made a motion to close the public hearing. Jim Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members and alternates present included: Forrest Randall, Chair, Wayne Wheelock, Tom Kenyon, Frank Heald, Jeff Slade, Derek Suursoo, Bill Kearns, Jim Peplau, and Gary DeRosia. Also present: Mary T. O'Brien, Board Clerk; Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Bob Forguites, Treasurer; Tom Marsh, Town Manager of Windsor; Matt Priestly of Alva Waste Co., and Bryan Tibbals, Intern. A quorum was established with nine towns represented.

3. T. Kenyon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2013 meeting as printed. J. Slade seconded the motion. D. Suursoo abstained; all others voted in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report: B. Forguites discussed the "Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2013 through February 2013" that everyone had received. He said that the District is about where it should be and was expected to be at this time of year. B. Forguites noted that the intern's salary will be reimbursed by the USDA grant, as will part of M. O'Brien's salary. J. Peplau made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed and to hold it for audit. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Representatives: F. Randall asked B. Forguites to take over the meeting. D. Suursoo nominated Forrest Randall as chairman. D. Suursoo made a motion to close the nominations. J. Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the nomination. F. Randall took over the

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meeting and opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman. D. Suursoo nominated Joe Fromberger as vice-chairman. There were no other nominations. J. Peplau moved to close the nomination. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. All voted in favor. J. Peplau nominated Gary DeRosia, Derek Suursoo, and Frank Heald as the three representatives to the Executive Committee. There were no other nominations. T. Kenyon moved to close the nominations. W. Wheelock seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

J. Peplau made a motion to appoint Mary O'Brien as Clerk and Bob Forguites as Treasurer. J. Slade seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. Discussion and Adoption of Tipping Fee Increase: T. Kennedy noted that he'd sent a letter to all the haulers telling them about the proposed increase. J. Peplau made a motion to increase the tipping fee from \$5 a ton to \$7 a ton effective July 1, 2013. F. Heald seconded the motion. All voted in favor; it was a unanimous vote.

7. Discussion and Adoption of FY14 Budget and Work Program: T. Kennedy noted the changes in the budget from the FY13 budget. Some discussion ensued. J. Peplau made a motion to approve the FY14 Budget. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. T. Marsh asked about the bulky waste pilot program which could be funded out of the District's fund balance. D. Suursoo stated that he would like a plan or proposal before voting to spend \$10,000 or \$20,000 on the program as it would be an equity issue. The Executive Committee will formulate a plan to present to the rest of the Board. All voted in favor. F. Heald made a motion to adopt the Work Program for FY14. J. Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8. Recycling Coordinator's Report: M. O'Brien discussed the progress of the USDA grant work and noted that the household hazardous waste collections in Rockingham and Springfield were scheduled for May 11. B. Tibbals distributed copies of the "Transfer Stations Commodity Report" and T. Kennedy discussed it.

9. New Business: T. Kennedy described the 457 Retirement Program. D. Suursoo made a motion to allow the District to participate in the State of Vermont's 457 Retirement Program for M. O'Brien, effective July 1, 2013, at no additional cost to the District. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. All voted in favor. No other new business.

10. Old Business: None

At 7:06 p.m., J. Peplau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Slade seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
Board Clerk