

Board of Supervisors

Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2009 6:00 p.m.

Springfield Selectmen's Room, Springfield, Vermont

MINUTES

Members present: Joe Fromberger, Forrest Randall, Gary DeRosia, Tom Kenyon, Cynthia Gibbs, George Timko, Jim Peplau, Frank Heald, Stephen Cottrell

Attendees: Mary T. O'Brien, Bob Forguites, Tom Kennedy, Hallie Whitcomb

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

1. Roll Call

A quorum was established with nine towns represented.

2. Minutes of October 23, 2008 meeting

T. Kenyon made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 23, 2008 meeting as printed. F. Randall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites stated that, as previously directed by the Board, he deposited the funds from the dissolution of the NH/VT Solid Waste Project into a one-year certificate of deposit (\$397,193.17, 3.02 APY) and into a money market account for cash flow as needed (\$25,000.00, 2.27%). The money is fully insured for \$250,000.00 and the rest is collateralized. The funds are at a financial institution in the District.

Mr. Forguites explained the July-December 2008 Profit and Loss Budget v. Actual report. J. Peplau made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. T. Kenyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Discussion of Audit Report

T. Kennedy explained the auditors' recommendations and the District's responses. Discussion took place about whether or not the District wants to own anything (e.g., the textile sheds). T. Kenyon made a motion to review and accept the audit as printed and the January 15, 2009 letter responding to the auditors. J. Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Recycling Coordinator's Report

A discussion took place on the type of compost bin that the District should promote and sell to residents. F. Heald made a motion to permit the recycling coordinator to order and pay for a pallet [36] of Soil Saver compost bins. J. Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. Discussion of Prices for Recyclables

T. Kennedy brought up the recent trend of plummeting prices for recyclables.

7. Update on FY 07-08 USDA Grant

The District received the FY07-08 USDA Grant payment of \$25,696.38 on January 14, 2009. T. Kennedy discussed the FY 09-10 USDA Grant which the District is applying for with the Windham Solid Waste Management District. He stated that the notification of pre-approval should be received in April or May. H. Whitcomb expressed an interest in having the grant money, if received, used to study the feasibility of siting a C&D or composting facility.

8. Update on Vermont Product Stewardship Council Activities

M. O'Brien described some of the work that VTPSC has been doing via meetings and conference calls. The most urgent project, perhaps, is the creation and distribution of an educational brochure on the concept of product stewardship.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

March 19, 2009 is the next scheduled District meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien

Recycling Coordinator