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Board of Supervisors Quarterly Meeting Thursday, January 26, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid meeting (Held remotely via Zoom and in-person at the MARC office in Ascutney.)

Meeting Minutes

At 1:06 p.m., Jeff Mobus, Chair, called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call

Those supervisors and alternates present via Zoom included: Wayne Wheelock (Baltimore), Brendan McNamara (alternate, Cavendish), Derek Suursoo, (Chester), Scott Pickup (Rockingham), Jeff Mobus (Springfield), Matt Priestley (alternate, Springfield), Brandon Gulnick, (Weathersfield and proxy for Reading), Natalie Starr (West Windsor), and Matt Kantola (alternate, West Windsor). Also present via Zoom: Mary T. O'Brien, District recycling coordinator; Kelly Murphy, District treasurer; Dora Servidio and Kevin Johnson, Strategic Materials, Inc. (SMI). Present in-person: Tom Kennedy, District Manager. Eight towns were represented, and a quorum was established.

2. Additions to the Agenda

T. Kennedy requested an addition under "New Business" to discuss Governor Scott's recent announcement about holding public meetings remotely. D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the agenda as printed and with the requested addition. S. Pickup seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Discussion with SMI regarding entering into an agreement for glass disposal.

D. Servidio and K. Johnson gave a presentation and answered questions about their glass collection business, which began in 1896. SMI is interested in the District's glass program at a time when the Town of Springfield would like the District to reduce its footprint at the Public Works' site. SMI's proposal would include taking the District's glass at zero cost and SMI would pay the freight. A truck would pick up twenty-five tons and take it to South Windsor, Connecticut. SMI would like a three-year contract.

4. Approve minutes of October 27, 2022 meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2022 meeting. B. Gulnick seconded the motion. D. Suursoo noted that there was one error that needed to be corrected. N. Starr abstained; all others voted in favor. The motion passed.

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5. Receive December 31, 2022 Financial Statement

T. Kennedy reviewed the Statement and answered questions. D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the December 31, 2022 Financial Statement as presented. W. Wheelock seconded the motion. N. Starr abstained; all others voted in favor. The motion passed.

6. Discussion and approval of the FY22 audit

T. Kennedy reviewed the audit and noted that on page four, the financial highlights could be found. He answered questions. D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the FY22 audit as presented. W. Wheelock seconded the motion. N. Starr abstained; all others voted in favor. The motion passed.

7. Discussion of applying for a grant to purchase a forklift for the HHW facility

T. Kennedy spoke about the need for the District to purchase a forklift, instead of using Alva Waste's forklift at the HHW Depot. D. Suursoo suggested renting, rather than purchasing, a forklift. He would like the specific costs.

8. 2023 Solid Waste topics in the legislature

T. Kennedy expects the extended producer responsibility (EPR) law for household hazardous waste (HHW) will pass this year. Expanding the bottle bill to include more containers is another topic.

9. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien described the various topics that will be discussed at the next recycling coordinators' meeting, which she will host on February 15: Apparel Impact purchased Helpsy, recycling solar panels and heat pumps, and a presentation by NexTrex.

10. Old Business – none

11. New Business

T. Kennedy noted that the previous day, Governor Phil Scott had signed a law that continued the ability of municipal boards to meet virtually without having a physical presence, if they so wish.

12. Adjournment

At 2:22 p.m., B. Gulnick made a motion to adjourn. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk