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Board of Supervisors  
Quarterly District Meeting  
Thursday, January 28, 2016  
Springfield Select Board Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Springfield, Vermont

## MINUTES

Roll Call At 6:00 p.m., Forrest Randall, Chair, called the meeting to order. The roll was called with the following supervisors present: F. Randall, Springfield; Joe Fromberger, Andover; Cynthia Gibbs, Grafton; Frank Heald, Ludlow; Derek Suursoo, Chester; Jim Mullen, Weathersfield; Bruce McEnaney, Cavendish; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore and Gary DeRosia, Rockingham. A quorum was established with nine towns represented.

Also present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; Ham Gillett, Outreach Coordinator for District; Tom Yennerell, Springfield town manager; and Matt Priestly, owner of Alva Waste Co.

1. D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2015 minutes as printed. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. J. Fromberger abstained. All voted in favor.
2. B. Forguites discussed the Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2015. He noted that halfway through the fiscal year income was at 48.5% and expenses were at 47% of the budgeted figures. The District was \$2,510.00 to the good at the end of December but the second half of the fiscal year may not be as good. F. Heald made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. J. Fromberger seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
3. B. Forguites stated that the FY2015 audit was very clean. D. Suursoo made a motion that the Board receive the Auditor's Report for FY2015. J. Fromberger seconded the motion. D. Suursoo noted that the Executive Committee would like to shop around prior to next year's audit to ascertain whether there could be cost savings with another auditor. All voted in favor.
4. T. Kennedy described the proposal that the Executive Committee has been discussing to hire George Murray of GCM Environmental in Ascutney to perform a review of solid waste infrastructure in the District, research the feasibility of sending recyclables to the Lebanon landfill, and the having the District participate in a private/public consolidation facility. Twenty-five thousand dollars was set aside six years ago to cover deficits that the District might incur but that hasn't yet been drawn upon.

F. Heald made a motion to allocate ten thousand dollars to fund a proposal that would include the items in G. Murray's proposal (to analyze the five transfer stations - referenced in GCM's letter dated January 10, 2016) but to leave it up to the Executive Committee to review proposals and choose one. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. F. Heald would like G. Murray's proposal to be fleshed out more fully. Transfer stations need to know what they have to do and how to get there to comply with Act 148. F. Heald noted that G. Murray managed the Windham Solid Waste District as well as having the qualifications noted by T.

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Kennedy, F. Heald stated that the Executive Committee should decide who the vendor should be. J. Fromberger commented that the Executive Committee should be able to make this decision. D. Suursoo noted that there is no problem on a cash flow basis and the District should move forward on this. J. Fromberger stated that the Board finds this project to be of merit and that choosing a vendor is entirely within the purview of the Executive Committee. All voted in favor.

5. T. Kennedy provided a description of the on-going negotiations with NCER, the current vendor for e-waste collection and recycling in Vermont. Discussion ensued. M. O'Brien noted that the State is seeking public comments prior to issuing a request-for-proposals (RFP) for the 2016/2017 collection year.

6. H. Gillett discussed the USDA grant application submitted in December 2015. He is working on getting apartment complexes to begin recycling programs.

7. M. O'Brien discussed the textile recycling pickup route, formerly managed by SEVCA, now in the process of being managed by Apparel Impact, Joe Whitten, co-owner.

8. Legislative Issues – T. Kennedy noted that B. Forguites, a House representative, is on the Natural Resources Committee which is considering an increase on the \$6/ton franchise fee on municipal solid waste.

9. Old Business: none

10. New Business: none

11. J. Fromberger made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien  
District Clerk

The next quarterly District meeting, which is the annual re-organizational meeting, is scheduled for **Thursday, April 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**, same location.