

# Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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**Board of Supervisors  
Annual District Meeting  
Thursday, July 27, 2017  
Springfield Select Board Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Springfield, Vermont**

**Public Hearing on the Proposed Action by District Supervisors to reduce the Capital Reserve Fund by \$379,193.00**

1. At 6:02 p.m., Forrest Randall, Board Chair, opened the public hearing to take comments on the proposed action by the District Supervisors to reduce the Capital Reserve Fund by \$379,193.00. F. Randall asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, F. Randall closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

**Meeting Minutes**

Forrest Randall, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

1. Changes to the agenda - none
2. Roll Call

Board supervisors present included: Forrest Randall, Springfield; Tom Yennerell (alternate), Springfield; Derek Suursoo, Chester; Cynthia Gibbs, Grafton; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; Frank Heald, Ludlow; John Denner, (alternate) Ludlow; Bruce McEnaney, Cavendish; Joe Fromberger, Andover; Gary DeRosia, Rockingham; Tom Marsh, Windsor, and Ed Morris, Weathersfield

Others present included: Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk and Recycling Coordinator, and Bob Forguites, District Treasurer

A quorum was achieved with ten towns represented.

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### 3. Approve minutes of April 27, 2017 meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. A discussion ensued in which W. Wheelock noted that the figures in the chart were not correct. B. Forguites suggested that the existing chart in the minutes be deleted and the correct chart be substituted with the total disbursement of \$379,193.00. F. Heald moved to accept the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting as amended. All voted in favor. The correct chart is in the corrected version of the minutes.

### 4. Acceptance of May 2017 Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites stated that the June 30 report wasn't ready yet but that there is a deficit in the fund balance of \$11,738.70 that should be made up by additional income revenue by the end of June. W. Wheelock asked where the checking account is located because the statement reads "Chittenden Bank" which is no longer in operation. B. Forguites replied that it is at People's Bank and the certificate of deposit is at Claremont Savings Bank.

J. Fromberger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### 5. Vote to reduce Capital Reserve Fund by \$379,193.00 which will be distributed to Towns via formula

J. Fromberger spoke about the history of the Fund. He emphasized that it is not tax money. He thinks that it's a mistake to disburse the monies and that it's not an action that's in the best interest of all of the towns in the District. It's a short-term fix for the towns with transfer stations and the monies won't be available for future requirements by the State to comply with Act 148. He's opposed to "what we're about to do" but said that he would live with the decision. C. Gibbs asked if bigger towns get more votes. F. Randall replied that, yes, it's a weighted vote. D. Suursoo said that disbursing the monies is favored by the Chester Selectboard but that he is personally not in favor of giving up this "technical advantage." C. Gibbs thinks that it would be selfish to not disburse the monies so that the transfer stations can update their equipment.

B. Forguites noted that if the vote passes and there is a distribution, there is no more money – it is the full and final settlement from the dissolution of the NH/VT Solid Waste Project. The Capital Reserve Account will be reduced to zero. B. Forguites noted that on the chart, he carried the figures out to several places to make the distribution as accurate as possible.

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F. Heald made a motion as follows:

**RESOLVED** that the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors, at a duly warned District meeting held on July 27, 2017, hereby resolves that the Capital Reserve Fund established under Article IV, paragraph 7, of the District By-Laws be reduced by \$379,193.00 with such funds being distributed to the Member Towns in accordance with the following schedule and in full and final settlement of all funds due to Member Towns from the proceeds from the dissolution of the New Hampshire/Vermont Solid Waste Project:

## TOTAL VERMONT DISTRICT TONNAGE 1997-2007

207,518 TONS

Town	11 Year Tonnage	% of Waste	Disbursement Amount
Andover	941	0.4535%	\$1,719
Athens	0	0.0000%	\$0
Baltimore	575	0.2771%	\$1,051
Cavendish	8,092	3.8994%	\$14,786
Chester	16,836	8.1130%	\$30,764
Grafton	2,940	1.4167%	\$5,372
Ludlow	39,641	19.1024%	\$72,435
Plymouth	4,901	2.3617%	\$8,956
Reading	2,141	1.0317%	\$3,912
Rockingham	26,483	12.7618%	\$48,392
Springfield	61,131	29.4582%	\$111,703
Weathersfield	13,371	6.4433%	\$24,433
West Windsor	3,409	1.6427%	\$6,229
Windsor	27,057	13.0384%	\$49,441
<b>Total</b>	<b>207,518</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>\$379,193</b>

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G. DeRosia seconded the motion. W. Wheelock asked if a town could refuse its distribution. B. Forguites replied that it could – the check would be on the books as an outstanding check. Or it could be divided by the other towns. The vote was called – the motion passed with 32 weighted votes of “Yes” and 2 “No.” B. Forguites stated that within a month the towns should each receive a check. He would like a statement from each town with an authorized signature acknowledging that it had received a full and final settlement of monies from the proceeds from the dissolution of the New Hampshire/Vermont Solid Waste Project.

#### 6. Discussion of providing an exemption to haulers for curbside collection of organics in rural areas

M. O’Brien explained that there is an exemption granted by the Agency of Natural Resources to haulers who do not want to collect organics in rural area because it is not cost effective. The supervisors had received in their meeting packets, a copy of the “Guidance on Eligibility to Qualify for the Solid Waste Hauler Exemption(s) under 10 V.S.A. SS 6607a(g)(3).” D. Suursoo suggested that the District pursue ascertaining whether or not haulers in the District are interested in getting an exemption. M. O’Brien noted that Matt Priestly of Alva Waste and Art Lynds of A.B.L.E. Waste are ready to take organics when that requirement comes due on July 1, 2018.

#### 7. Discussion of backyard composting workshops and USDA grant

M. O’Brien read aloud a statement from Ham Gillett, Outreach Coordinator, detailing the highly successful backyard composting workshops. Using USDA grant funds, the District hired Charen Fegard, a recycling consultant, to do outreach to twenty businesses in Ludlow as part of the District’s Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) requirements. She surveyed each business, made suggestions where needed, and followed up with a report to each one. The SWIP requires that the District work with two schools each year and with twenty businesses.

#### 8. Outreach and Recycling Coordinators’ Reports

The District worked with the Town of Windsor on a highly successful “Big Trash” collection on July 8. H. Gillett has worked with the Vermont Community Garden Network, the Composting Association of Vermont and the Northeast Recycling Council on a grant which the Ludlow Community Garden is participating in. The grant is funding a pilot project (with some monies from the District) to test the feasibility of establishing a community composting site which would accept food scraps at the Community Garden from the public.

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H. Gillett visited Cavendish Elementary School's new gardens and their gardener/composter, Becky Plunkard. He put her in touch with the Ludlow Community Gardeners who will collaborate on gardening and composting with the School.

M. O'Brien and H. Gillett have been invited by Puggy Lamphere to appear on an episode of "Puggy's Corner" to discuss Act 148 Universal Recycling, and battery, bulb, paint, and electronics recycling. The show airs on the Springfield Area Public Access (SAPA) television channel.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business

G. DeRosia wanted to publically thank Tom Kennedy, District manager, for his help with the recent request for proposals (RFPs) that was created to have work done at the Rockingham Transfer Station. E. Morris stated that Weathersfield, too, wanted to thank T. Kennedy for his assistance with a recent RFP.

11. Adjourn

At 6:47 p.m., J. Fromberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien  
District Clerk

The next quarterly District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.

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