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Board of Supervisors
Quarterly District Meeting
Thursday, October 23, 2014
Springfield Select Board Hall, 3rd Floor, Springfield, Vermont

NOTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. Chair Forrest Randall called for additions to the agenda. Nothing was added.

1. Roll Call

Board members present included: F. Randall, Joe Fromberger, Frank Heald, Tom Kenyon, Jeff Slade, and Wayne Wheelock. Also present: T. Kennedy, District Manager; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk; Ham Gillett, District Programs Coordinator; Matt Priestly of Alva Waste, Hallie Whitcomb, and Blair Crowley of Casella. Six of thirteen towns in the District were represented - a quorum was not established so no actions could be taken.

2. Approve Minutes of July 24, 2014 Meeting

J. Fromberger suggested that the following corrections be made to the July 24, 2014 minutes:

- Add "District office" to the list of locations where meeting agendas will be posted.
- Under the tonnage report, change the sentence to read "...more material is diverted as recyclables."

Vote to approve the minutes as corrected cannot be done until a quorum is established.

3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

a) Budget Update

B. Forguites noted that it is only two months into the fiscal year and that it is hard to compare anything after such a short time. The balance sheet is about the same as it usually is. There were no questions. No vote because no quorum.

T. Kennedy reported that \$3,600 was spent on the compliance officer, Carl Mitchell's services. T. Kennedy said that he wasn't asking the Board to amend the budget; he just wanted to make sure that the supervisors were made aware of the errors. He had previously brought this topic up with the Executive Committee which didn't think that any action was needed.

b) Ratify Casella Contract

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T. Kennedy stated that he had forgotten to ask the Board at the July meeting to ratify Casella's amended contract. All of the towns are satisfied thus far. The towns usually sign the contract after the District ratifies it. No vote because no quorum.

4. Tonnage Report

T. Kennedy noted that there was no report yet because Casella has a new person in charge so there will be an updated report when the information comes in from Casella.

5. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien stated that ANR wants the districts to push America Recycles Day on November 15 with banners, advertisements, and/or activities. She is working on the District website to add Universal Recycling information. M. O'Brien, H. Gillett, and T. Kennedy are working on the draft SWIP which ANR wants by December 15, 2014. She stated that they would send the supervisors parts of the SWIP, as they are completed, for their review and comments.

The District still has not received the bill from Clean Venture, Inc. for the two HHW events in September. H. Gillett has been researching various recycling containers for towns' consideration during budgeting season because Act 148 mandates that as of July 1, 2015, public buildings must provide recycling containers alongside all trash containers in public spaces (exception for restrooms).

M. O'Brien stated that, contrary to a recent rumor, Act 148 does not mandate single-stream recycling.

6. Discussion of Unit Based Pricing Ordinance

T. Kennedy distributed copies of the first draft of the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District Civil Ordinance, "Unit Based Pricing by Volume and Weight for Municipal Solid Waste Collection." He had attended a solid waste managers meeting that day and gotten some clarification on the topic. But several questions remain. How do the small haulers deal with not being able to charge for accepting recyclables as of July 1, 2015? How can the small hauler weigh out his recyclables and participate in the profit-sharing of those recyclables? M. Priestly noted that he is charged \$86/ton for recyclables and \$90/ton for trash.

T. Kennedy asked if he needed to get budget numbers to towns soon for the budget season next month. Probably not for most towns in the District.

The UBP ordinance is going to be adopted by the District as a whole, not on a town-by-town basis. The reason is that if even one town neglected to adopt the ordinance, then the District SWIP wouldn't be approved by ANR and therefore, the transfer stations wouldn't be re-certified and then they would not be able to accept trash. J. Fromberger suggested that the most effective way to make sure that the towns know about UBP is to have someone come to a select board meeting in each town to discuss the topic. T. Kennedy asked the supervisors to read the draft UBP ordinance. He said that the crux of the document is "Article IV: Fees." T. Kennedy would like to have a statewide workshop on the UBP topic. He asked supervisors to talk with their select boards about whether or not they would like someone from the District to come to a meeting.

7. Discussion of Solid Waste Implementation Plan

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T. Kennedy discussed the SWIP template that was included in the supervisors' packets. The District will be depending upon the private sector to H. Whitcomb said that one hauler said that there will be twice as many truck runs to comply with Act 148 as there are currently. The burden of complying with Act 148 lays heavily on the haulers.

8. Discussion of Guidance for Vermont's Municipalities

9. Old Business – none

10. New Business

a) Changes in Executive Committee Meeting Schedule

The Executive Committee will meet on November 14, the second Friday of the month as it usually does. In December, however, its schedule will change to the second Monday of each month, beginning December 8, to accommodate B. Forguites's anticipated schedule. He is running for the legislature and is expected to win. When the legislative session begins in January 2015, he will be available to meet only on Mondays.

T. Kenyon asked whether or not there are supervisors who never attend District meetings.

11. At 6:52 p.m., the meeting ended.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
District Clerk

The next quarterly District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., same location.

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