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Board of Supervisors Quarterly District Meeting Thursday, October 24, 2013 Springfield Select Board Hall, 3rd Floor, Springfield, Vermont

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Board members present included: Forrest Randall, Chair; Joe Fromberger, Wayne Wheelock, Derek Suursoo, Gary DeRosia, Jeff Slade, and Frank Heald. Also present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Bob Forguites, Treasurer; Mary T. O'Brien, Clerk; and Matt Priestly from Alva Waste

1. Roll Call

T. Kennedy called the roll and a quorum was established with seven towns represented.

2. Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites discussed the "FY13 Year End Profit and Loss" showing a \$5,000 loss from where the District expected to be. As for the Balance Sheet, he said that nothing stands out and that the auditors had small adjustments that added up to a net difference of less than five hundred dollars. B. Forguites noted that on the July and August 2013 Financials, the tip fee line will have to be watched because with Wheelabrator closed down, the District will have to make sure it gets its tip fees with the waste going elsewhere.

J. Fromberger made a motion to accept the FY13 Year End Profit and Loss, and Balance Sheet and to accept the July and August 2013 Financials. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

T. Kennedy discussed the draft FY13 audit. It's a "clean" audit, i.e., no findings or concerns. The auditors noted that 68% of the District's trash is handled by two haulers - Wheelabrator and Casella. J. Fromberger made a motion to accept the FY13 audit. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Approve minutes of July 25, 2013 Quarterly Meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 25, 2013 quarterly meeting as presented. J. Slade seconded the motion. J. Fromberger and G. DeRosia abstained. All others voted in favor. The motion passed.

4. Tonnage Report

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T. Kennedy explained that it's difficult to get an accurate tonnage report monthly particularly now with Wheelabrator closed, because Wheelabrator paid the District tip fees even if the fees had not yet been paid to Wheelabrator. But Casella only pays the tip fees when Casella gets paid, so quarterly tonnage reports would be much more accurate.

5. Discussion of Electronics Collection Program

T. Kennedy noted that he'd mailed the "vtdigger" article about the electronics contract that came up for renewal in 2013 and the confusion that ensued with the Agency of Natural Resources, Casella, and Goodpoint Recycling.

6. Discussion of Moretown Landfill Closure, Wheelabrator Closure, and Subsequent Impact on Haulers

T. Kennedy stated that, as everyone knows, there are fewer options for haulers to dispose of trash because of the recent closures. Casella is now requiring haulers to sign contracts to get the District-negotiated tipping fee. If haulers don't sign, they'll have to get the spot-market price. T. Kennedy is working with Lebanon to allow District haulers to use the Lebanon Landfill. The Moretown Landfill is closed but the owners are appealing that decision; the process could take years.

7. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien distributed copies of the final report she'd submitted for the USDA grant which ended on September 30, 2013. She also distributed copies of a spreadsheet, "Multi-year Schedule of HHW Collections," with data about the numbers of residents and businesses that have participated in District household hazardous waste collections from 2004 through 2013. M. O'Brien noted that PaintCare will hold a meeting at the Vermont Technical College on November 14 to discuss details of the paint stewardship law that will become effective July 1, 2014 in Vermont.

8. New Business - None

9. Old Business - None

10. Adjourn

At 6:58 p.m., J. Fromberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
Board Clerk

The next quarterly District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., same location.