

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes

District Board of Supervisors
Thursday, October 28, 2010
Selectmen's Room
Springfield Town Offices

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| Supervisors and Alternates present: | Forrest Randall, Chair H. Joseph Fromberger Mary Ann Remolador | Steve Cottrell Harold Igoe Jeffrey Slade | Gary DeRosia Derek Suursoo Wayne Wheelock | Jim Peplau Cynthia Gibbs Frank Heald |
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Others present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk; Hallie Whitcomb; Mike Durfor; George Murray, David Pisha

Forrest Randall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

A quorum was established with ten towns represented.

2. Approve minutes of July 29, 2010 Meeting

J. Peplau made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 29, 2010 meeting as printed. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites discussed the report. D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. J. Peplau seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Discussion of NRRA Recycling Assessment Report with Mike Durfor

M. Durfor, Executive Director of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA), spoke about the Recycling Assessment Report which the District commissioned NRRA to create in 2009. He talked about the pricing vagaries for a couple of commodities; recycling markets go hand-in-hand with the general economy. Dual stream facilities generally outperform single stream facilities in getting monies to the towns. M. Durfor suggested that the District work collegially and cooperatively with neighboring districts for economies of scale to mitigate transportation costs. To continue to capture revenue out of recyclables, the District must look at transportation. Recycling education in schools will support the efforts of the transfer station employees and volunteers. M. Durfor also spoke about getting new, uniform signs for the transfer stations in the District.

5. Adoption of Bylaws

J. Fromberger made a motion to take the item off the table. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. T. Kennedy read aloud the following addition to the bylaws, "...or other purposes as approved by the Board of Supervisors." J. Fromberger made a motion to adopt the District Bylaws (a.k.a., District Agreement) as amended this evening. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

6. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. T. O'Brien discussed the monthly report for October which she had sent to the Board.

7. Old Business

- Discussion of tonnage and revenue figures
T. Kennedy noted that tonnage is down by about 4% District-wide.
- Update on audit
T. Kennedy noted that the final, bound copy of the audit had arrived at the office that day at 4:30 p.m. He stated that he would send everyone a copy of the audit after the Executive Committee had reviewed and accepted it.
- New Hampshire Notification Agreement
F. Randall reminded everyone that when the bi-state contract had expired after its twenty-year term, the District had agreed, in exchange for \$3,000.00, to accept any communication that came in for the then-defunct bi-state compact for a period of three years. The District's Executive Committee decided to let towns know that the agreement has now lapsed because its expiration date had passed. T. Kennedy stated that he would take care of notifying the towns.

8. New Business

- Discussion of District-sponsored grant program for schools
The Executive Committee agreed that solid waste education in the local schools is important. F. Randall stated that the District doesn't have a lot of money for this type of information. J. Peplau noted that there would have to be a line item in an approved District budget before money is handed out. Regarding the proposed District grant program, F. Randall said that a committee would have to look at applications from those interested in applying. F. Heald said that there are models that exist for these types of curriculum. M. Durfor stated that Kelly Pearson of NRRA can help the District with the School Recycling Club. Norm Stanton is now the grants manager for NRRA. D. Suursoo stated that he would like to know all of the options before he makes a decision. He would approve of gathering that information. H. Whitcomb noted that there are two types of school recycling: 1. educational programs for students and 2. technical assistance to get recycling started or expanded in District schools. F. Randall suggested that this issue be discussed when the next budget is created.
- New e-waste law
M. O'Brien asked if anyone needed any more information. D. Suursoo asked for a synopsis of the new law. M. O'Brien noted that four State employees had visited WinCycle in Windsor the previous week and that the State would have a thirty-day public comment period on the e-waste law from November 10 until December 10, 2010.

9. Other Business

T. Kennedy mentioned the USDA grant for which the Windham Solid Waste Management District is applying. The proposal will concern the feasibility of establishing several permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) recycling facilities along the eastern side of Vermont, from the Massachusetts border to the Canadian border. This possibility would entail cooperation among several solid waste districts. J. Fromberger made a motion to direct the Executive Committee to investigate the grant application which will coordinate HHW activities among solid waste districts along the Connecticut River. J. Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

10. Adjourn

At 7:19 p.m., J. Peplau made a motion to adjourn. J. Fromberger seconded. All voted in favor.

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