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Board of Supervisors Annual Public Meeting Thursday, April 23, 2020 6:00 p.m. Remote meeting because of COVID-19

6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on FY21 Budget and Work Plan

At 6:01 p.m., Joe Fromberger, Chair, convened the Public Hearing. He noted that at their April 13, 2020 meeting, the Executive Committee discussed their desire to postpone the approval of the FY21 budget and work plan until June because of the current uncertain economic times. Tom Kennedy, District manager, noted that it's not clear yet if the District will be able to build the permanent household hazardous waste (HHW) facility in 2020 because the delivery date of the unit from Vermont Yankee is as yet unknown. T. Kennedy is awaiting guidance from the Department of Environmental Conservation about the number of HHW collections that the District will be required to hold in 2020.

Scott Murphy asked why the District will be running the HHW site as an enterprise fund. T. Kennedy stated that, for accounting purposes, it will be a cleaner way to track expenses and income.

T. Kennedy spoke about the proposed FY21 Work Plan. He noted that the Town of Springfield does now have a permit from the State for its glass collection site. Derek Suursoo asked whether or not the glass expense of \$5,000 would go away if the Town of Springfield ran the glass collection program, rather than the Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA). T. Kennedy replied that it would.

At 6:06 p.m., D. Suursoo made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the FY21 Budget and Work Plan. Gary DeRosia seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor.

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At 6:06 p.m., J. Fromberger called the meeting to order.

1. Additions to the Agenda.

T. Kennedy asked to add a discussion about glass collection under item #9. D. Suursoo made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Bruce McEnaney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. Roll Call

District supervisors present on the ZOOM remote meeting call included: Joe Fromberger, Andover; David Bemis, Athens; Rebecca Lomachinsky, alternate, Baltimore; Bruce McEnaney, Cavendish; Derek Suursoo, Chester; Scott Murphy, Ludlow; Gary DeRosia, Rockingham; Steve Neratko, Springfield; Matt Priestley, alternate, Springfield; Paul Tillman, Weathersfield; and Brandon Gulnick, alternate, Weathersfield. Others present on the call: Darlene Kelly, District Treasurer; Tom Kennedy, District Manager; and Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk. A quorum was achieved with nine out of fourteen towns represented.

3. Election of Executive Committee: Officers and Three (3) Executive Committee Members

J. Fromberger stepped aside momentarily and asked T. Kennedy to conduct the election for Chair. S. Murphy nominated J. Fromberger as Chair. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. As the newly-elected Chair, J. Fromberger asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. D. Suursoo made a motion to nominate G. DeRosia as Vice-Chair. No second was required. There was no discussion. All voted in favor. J. Fromberger asked for nominations for the Executive Committee. G. DeRosia made a motion to nominate B. McEnaney, D. Suursoo, and S. Murphy as members of the Executive Committee. No second needed. No discussion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

Appointment of Clerk and Treasurer

D. Suursoo made a motion to appoint M. O'Brien as Clerk and D. Kelly as Treasurer. S. Murphy seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

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4. Discussion of FY21 Budget and Work Plan

D. Suursoo made a motion to delay the action on the FY21 Budget and Work Plan until the June 25, 2020 District meeting. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion of FY21 Contract with Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission

D. Suursoo made a motion to delay action on the FY21 contract with the SWCRPC until the June 25, 2020 District meeting. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. Approve Minutes of January 23, 2020 Meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2020 meeting. S. Murphy seconded the motion. No discussion. S. Neratko abstained; all others voted in favor. The motion passed.

7. Acceptance of [February] Treasurer's Report

T. Kennedy noted that the cost went way down for the waste block which was needed for the Springfield glass collection site because the Town of Weathersfield donated all of the waste block. An expenditure had been approved for up to \$5,000 but the final cost of \$2,435 will be divided up between the towns which use the site. D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2020. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8. Update on HHW Collections and Permanent Facility

T. Kennedy noted that the District had scheduled an HHW collection for May 12, 2020 but that it had been cancelled because of the state of emergency declared due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The vendors are waiting to reschedule - perhaps after June 15. The District would like to have an

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event this summer. Late summer/early fall the District might be able to build the HHW permanent facility.

9. Old Business

T. Kennedy talked about the State's permit conditions for the glass collection site in Springfield. The State will be monitoring the Town closely and the potential for a fine exists. T. Kennedy is working on a new protocol including weight slips per load – both entering and exiting the site. Only 500 tons of glass are allowed on-site before it must be crushed – previously it was 800 – 1,000 tons. Towns do save a lot of money per ton that participate in the program. M. Priestley noted that glass doesn't heave with frosts, as other materials do.

10. New Business – none

11. Adjourn

At 6:48 p.m., S. Murphy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. B. McEnaney seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
Clerk