

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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Annual Meeting Minutes

District Board of Supervisors

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Selectmen's Room

Springfield Town Offices

Supervisors present: Forrest Randall, Chair; Gary DeRosia, Cynthia Gibbs, Wayne Wheelock, Frank Heald, Joe Fromberger, Scott Ranney (new Cavendish supervisor), Jim Peplau, Derek Suursoo, Jeffrey Slade

Others present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk, Jim Toher of Casella

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

1. Roll Call

Ten towns represented with 27 votes – quorum established.

2. Approve Minutes of July 27, 2011 and January 26, 2012 Meetings

J. Fromberger made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 27, 2011 meeting as printed. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2012 meeting as printed. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Discussion of tonnage and revenue figures

B. Forguites noted that everyone had copies of the "Balance Sheet as of February 29, 2012" and the "Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2011 through February 2012." He thought that by the end of the fiscal year the District should break even. J. Peplau made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and hold it for audit. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. T. Kennedy stated that tonnage is about 3% under from last year but that they had anticipated the drop.

4. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Representatives

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Three (3) Executive Committee Representatives

F. Randall asked B. Forguites to run the meeting. J. Fromberger nominated F. Randall as Chair. No other nominations were made. All voted in favor. F. Randall was re-elected as Chair. He took over running the meeting from B. Forguites. D. Suursoo nominated J. Fromberger as Vice-Chair. No other nominations were made. All voted in favor. J. Fromberger nominated F. Heald, D. Suursoo, and G. DeRosia to succeed themselves on the Executive Committee. No other nominations were made. All voted in favor.

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Appointment of:

- Clerk
- Treasurer

J. Fromberger made a motion to nominate B. Forguites as Treasurer. All voted in favor. J. Fromberger made a motion to nominate M. O'Brien as Clerk of the District. All voted in favor.

5. Jim Toher, Casella; Solid Waste Contract adoption

T. Kennedy stated that only one response to bid on the contract was received and that was from Casella. The Executive Committee wants to encourage the Board to continue with Casella. T. Kennedy thanked Casella for their help in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene. J. Toher noted that the new contract is the same as the previous one, with a flat rate for this year and the next with a CPI (Consumer Price Index) escalator thereafter which could be discounted to 50% or even 75% (it's currently 2.5). The contract is for two years with two one-year extensions.

6. Discussion and Adoption of Solid Waste Contract

T. Kennedy distributed copies of the contract from Casella. He noted that the Executive Committee decided to enter into a new contract with Casella rather than exercise the second one-year extension of the current contract. J. Fromberger made a motion to send the contract back to the Executive Committee and to empower them to hammer out the details with T. Kennedy and Casella, to get clearer numbers and to finalize and sign the contract for solid waste services. F. Heald seconded the motion. J. Toher said that Casella doesn't need to lock down that CPI number now; they can wait. The rates in the contract are flat now through June 2013. All voted in favor.

7. Discussion and Adoption of FY13 Budget and Work Program

B. Forguites stated that he and T. Kennedy had worked on the proposed FY13 budget. He noted that \$17,605.00 would be transferred from the fund balance to avoid increasing the surcharge of five dollars for another year. B. Forguites recommended that the Board pass the proposed budget. J. Peplau asked if the newly-passed solid waste law would affect the District's budget. T. Kennedy noted that the Board would have to open up the District's SWIP to comply with the new law. F. Randall commented that the effect would be insignificant on the budget. F. Heald made a motion to adopt the FY13 budget. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. T. Kennedy discussed the FY13 work program. F. Heald made a motion to adopt the FY13 Work Program. J. Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

8. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. T. O'Brien announced that the USDA grant that she had applied for, in partnership with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission and the Windham Solid Waste Management District had been awarded to the group. The grant award is \$187,747.00.

9. New Business: None

10. Old Business

- Solid Waste Law
Some discussion

11. Adjourn

At 7:05 p.m., J. Peplau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

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