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Board of Supervisors Annual Meeting Thursday, April 27, 2023, 1:00 p.m. (Held remotely via Zoom.)

Meeting Minutes

At 1:05 p.m., Jeff Mobus, Chair, called the meeting to order.

1. Additions to the Agenda

D. Suursoo made a motion to set the agenda as printed. B. Gulnick seconded the motion. No discussion; all voted in favor.

2. Roll Call

Those supervisors and alternates present via Zoom included: David Bemis, (Athens), Wayne Wheelock (Baltimore), Derek Suursoo, (Chester), Brendan McNamara (Ludlow), Scott Pickup (Rockingham), Jeff Mobus (Springfield), Matt Priestley (alternate, Springfield), Brandon Gulnick, (Weathersfield and proxy for Reading), and Natalie Starr (West Windsor). Also present via Zoom: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Mary T. O'Brien, District recycling coordinator; and Kelly Murphy, District treasurer. Eight towns were represented, and a quorum was established.

3. Election of Executive Committee

• Chair

T. Kennedy asked for nominees for Board Chair. B. Gulnick made a motion to nominate J. Mobus as Chair. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. T. Kennedy closed the nomination process. All voted in favor.

• Vice-Chair

J. Mobus asked for nominations for Vice-Chair. B. Gulnick nominated S. Pickup as Vice-Chair. B. McNamara seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. J. Mobus closed the nomination process. All voted in favor.

• At-Large Members (3)

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J. Mobus asked for nominations for the three members-at-large on the Executive Committee. B. McNamara made a motion to nominate B. Gulnick, Natalie Starr and himself as the three members-at-large on the Executive Committee. S. Pickup seconded the motion. J. Mobus asked for other nominations. B. Gulnick nominated Tom Marsh, B. McNamara, and himself as the three members-at-large on the Executive Committee. D. Bemis seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. The first motion failed by a vote of five “against” to two “for” with one abstention. The second motion carried with a vote of seven “for” and one abstention for T. Marsh, B. McNamara, and B. Gulnick as the three members-at-large on the Executive Committee.

Appointment of:

- Clerk

D. Suursoo made a motion to appoint Mary T. O’Brien as Clerk. B. McNamara seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- Treasurer

D. Suursoo made a motion to appoint Kelly Murphy as Treasurer. W. Wheelock seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Discussion and Approval of FY24 Budget and Work Program

T. Kennedy explained the FY24 budget while J. Mobus shared his computer screen. D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the FY24 budget. D. Bemis seconded the motion. N. Starr abstained. All others voted in favor. The motion carried.

T. Kennedy reviewed the Work Plan for FY24. D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the Work Plan with one change from “Establish tableware rental program hosted by District...” to “Look into the feasibility of establishing a tableware rental program...” and one addition under Public Outreach - “We’ll assist with public events as staffing capacity permits.” W. Wheelock seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion and Approval of FY24 Contract with Mount Ascutney Regional Commission

T. Kennedy reviewed the FY24 contract between the District and MARC. D. Suursoo asked for a clarification and T. Kennedy responded that it is a time and materials, not-to-exceed contract. D. Bemis made a motion to accept the contract beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 with a not-to-exceed value of \$159,439.00. All voted in favor.

6. Approve minutes of January 27, 2023 Meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 27, 20223 meeting. N. Starr seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor.

7. Acceptance of March 2023 Financial Report

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S. Pickup made a motion to accept the March 2023 Financial Report. B. McNamara seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor.

8. Update on HHW Permanent Facility

T. Kennedy noted the opening date (May 2, 2023), operating days and hours.

9. Update on Glass Program

T. Kennedy noted that Servidio will be transporting the glass from the collection pile in Springfield to their facility in Massachusetts. Contamination will be closely monitored.

10. Legislative Update

a. Bottle Bill

The bill will add wine bottles and will increase the deposit on them – possibly to 15 cents.

b. HHW Bill

Is in committee.

11. Old Business - none

12. New Business – none

N. Starr asked about recycling data. T. Kennedy stated that he would invite her to the next Executive Committee meeting for a discussion.

13. Adjourn

At 2:30 p.m., W. Wheelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting. N. Starr seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary T. O'Brien
District Clerk