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## **Board of Supervisors Quarterly District Meeting Thursday, February 28, 2019 Springfield Town Offices, Springfield, Vermont**

### **Meeting Minutes**

At 6:05 p.m., Forrest Randall, Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### 1. Additions to the Agenda

Tom Kennedy asked that two announcements be added to the agenda.

#### 2. Roll Call

Board supervisors present included: Forrest Randall, Chair, Springfield; Joe Fromberger, Andover; David Bemis, Athens; Derek Suursoo, Chester; Cynthia Gibbs, Grafton; Gary DeRosia, Rockingham; and Tom Kenyon, West Windsor. Quorum was not met.

Others present included: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk and Recycling Coordinator; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; and Matt Priestly, Alva Waste.

#### 3. Approve minutes of October 25, 2018 meeting

No action taken because of lack of quorum.

#### 4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

No action taken because of lack of quorum.

#### 5. Resignation of Executive Committee member

T. Kennedy gave F. Randall a gift certificate to a local restaurant as a token of gratitude from the District for his many year of service. T. Kennedy read aloud a proclamation of appreciation from the Town of Springfield, signed by the Selectboard, for F. Randall's twenty-one years of service on its behalf in the area of solid waste management. Representative B. Forguites read aloud a Vermont House Resolution, HCR27, dated January 24, 2019 honoring Forrest B. Randall, which he then presented to him. F. Randall stated that it had been a privilege to serve.

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## 6. Discussion of Hauling of Organics

T. Kennedy described Grow Compost's work picking up food scraps from commercial accounts. Grow Compost has a contract with Agri-Cycle of Maine. The organics are shipped to Exeter, Maine where they are de-packaged mechanically. Agri-Cycle thinks it can handle 15-20% of Vermont's organics.

## 7. Discussion of Glass Markets

T. Kennedy explained how the Town of Springfield had received a Notice of Violation from the State of Vermont as a result of a visual inspection of its glass pile. The NOV stated that the glass does not meet the State's specs. for processed glass aggregate (PGA). M. Priestly, who has used the PGA extensively, said that the glass is spec'd as 3/8" stone and he praised its qualities.

## 8. Solid Waste Legislative Issues

T. Kennedy noted that there are bills in the legislature about single-use plastic bags and plastic straws. B. Forguites is a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife. He stated that his committee has five bills currently about single-use bags and is taking testimony on the subject.

## 9. Update on HHW RFP

T. Kennedy stated that the District does not have a vendor to run household hazardous waste collections this year unless they are held on a weekday. Proposed prices are exorbitant. One alternative would be to hold two collections (instead of four) and do two PaintCare paint-only collections. T. Kennedy mentioned other future possibilities. D. Bemis suggested that perhaps 2 two-day events would be affordable and meet the State's requirements.

## 10. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien distributed flyers about free EPR programs to supervisors to bring to Town Meeting.

## 11. Outreach Coordinator's Report

Ham Gillett will provide a written report for anyone requesting one.

## 12. Old Business - none

## 13. New Business - none

14. At 6:45 p.m., G. DeRosia made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary T. O'Brien  
Clerk