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Board of Supervisors Quarterly District Meeting Thursday, January 23, 2020 Springfield Town Offices, Springfield, Vermont

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call

Supervisors present included: Joe Fromberger, Chair, Andover; David Bemis, Athens; Rebecca Lomachinsky, Baltimore (alt.); Bruce McEnaney, Cavendish; Derek Suursoo, Chester; Cynthia Gibbs, Grafton; Scott Murphy, Ludlow; Gary DeRosia, Vice-Chair, Rockingham; Tom Yennerell, Springfield; Matt Priestly, Springfield (alt.); and Tom Kenyon, West Windsor. Ten towns were represented and a quorum was established.

Also present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Mary T. O'Brien, Recycling Coordinator and District Clerk; Darlene Kelly, District Treasurer; and Ray Stapleton, Highway Superintendent, Weathersfield.

At 6:00 p.m., J. Fromberger called the meeting to order.

2. Additions to the Agenda – none G. DeRosia made a motion to approve the agenda as read. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Approve minutes of October 24, 2019 meeting

T. Kenyon made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2019 meeting as read. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. D. Suursoo abstained. All others voted in favor.

4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report for November 2019

T. Kennedy directed the supervisors' attention to the Profit and Loss statement and noted that, for the most part, it was where it should be for that time of year. On the Balance Sheet, the cash position had declined but was still strong. J. Fromberger asked if the District had received any income on the \$25,000 it had set aside. T. Kennedy said that he would look into that question. D. Kelly stated that the July to November budget looks like it was over-run but that was because the accounting software, QuickBooks, doesn't look at the whole July to June budget.

S. Murphy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for November 2019. T. Kenyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion of grant award for a permanent HHW collection site

T. Kennedy stated that the State had sent a letter to the District indicating that it was awarded a grant of approximately \$59,000 to build a permanent, seasonal (May – October) household hazardous waste (HHW) facility. It is a 60:40 grant with the State's share being the larger portion. The District will work with M. Priestly of Alva Waste who will run the facility for the District at his transfer station, which is located just off of I-91 in Springfield. The plan is to transport a used trailer from the decommissioned Vermont Yankee property in the spring. The District will purchase a Conex box for holding materials.

T. Kennedy explained that the impetus for a permanent facility was the increasing costs of one-day HHW events. He will refine the budget and come back to the Board at a special meeting for final approval. Discussion ensued about what a permanent facility will involve.

6. Discussion of the Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP)

T. Kennedy stated that the District's current five-year SWIP is set to expire this year. It is our guidance document and will be another five-year plan. A draft should be ready for review in April.

7. Update on processed glass aggregate (PGA)

A notice of alleged violation (NOAV) was issued by the State to the Town of Springfield in the summer of 2019 for contamination in the pile from glass trucked in from other towns.

T. Kennedy noted that on January 22, 2020, the State had notified him that the Town of Springfield had two weeks to apply for a permit to collect glass on its property behind the town garage. Until the permit is issued, there is a Cease and Desist order prohibiting glass collection and storage at that site.

The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRRA) has been managing the PGA program for years but will not pay for the upgrades needed to obtain a permit for the program to continue. T. Kennedy would like the District to run the program, which would include making sure that a trip ticket is issued for each load. NRRRA used to arrange for a mobile grinder when needed but the Town of Springfield has done that before and can continue to do so directly. T. Kennedy proposed that the District loan the user towns (currently Ludlow and Weathersfield) the funds to purchase waste block to create the requisite containment system. Re-ground asphalt will form the base of the collection area. The cost of the improvements is expected to be between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

B. McEnaney made a motion to authorize the District Manager to expend up to \$5,000 to deal with the glass issue. T. Kenyon seconded the motion. G. DeRosia agreed with the motion, with the understanding that the towns using the glass depot will have to reimburse the District for the expenditure. D. Bemis made a motion to amend the pending motion, to require the towns using the facility to agree to reimburse the District for its expenditures. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion as amended.

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8. Discussion of strategies to address quorum issues

T. Kennedy pointed out that he had arranged for a free conference call for supervisors to use if they couldn't attend the meeting in person. Calling-in will continue to be an option at quarterly meetings. In response to his request, the Town of Reading is willing to designate a supervisor from another town to act as its proxy and vote on its behalf. Towns will need to send a letter to the District indicating their desire to appoint a proxy.

9. Old Business - none

10. New Business – none J. Fromberger thanked T. Yennerell for his service to the District as the supervisor from Springfield. He acknowledged Tom's invaluable advice at Executive Committee meetings. T. Yennerell is retiring from his position as town manager and District supervisor.

11. At 6:50 p.m., B. McEnaney made a motion to adjourn. T. Kenyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary T. O'Brien
Clerk