

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes

District Board of Supervisors

Thursday, January 27, 2011

Selectmen's Room

Springfield Town Offices

Supervisors and Alternates present: Forrest Randall, Chair; H. Joseph Fromberger, Harold Igoe, Derek Suursoo, Cynthia Gibbs, Mary Ann Remolador, Jeffrey Slade, Wayne Wheelock, George Timko, Tom Kenyon

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

Forrest Randall called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Roll Call

A quorum was established with eight towns represented.

2. Approve minutes of October 28, 2010 Meeting

J. Fromberger made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 28, 2010 meeting as presented. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. No discussion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites discussed the report. D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. G. Timko seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

4. Discussion of Education Grant Program

T. Kennedy, M. O'Brien, and F. Randall explained how the District's new solid waste education grant program was going to work. J. Fromberger made a motion to establish the education grand program within the District. W. Wheelock seconded the motion. Some discussion ensued. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discussion of NERC programs with Mary Ann Remolador

M Remolador, assistant director of the Northeast Recycling Council (NERC), stated that the organization was established in 1987 and that it is based in Brattleboro. NERC works with ten states in the Northeast. M. Remolador described NERC's work in the areas of reuse, recycling, composting and technical assistance. She also spoke about the groups NERC assists.

6. School Clean-out Program

M. O'Brien discussed possibility of assisting District schools with the inventory and clean-out of their science labs and chemical closets. D. Suursoo suggested that superintendents require their schools to conduct an inventory. Based on his experience, T. Kenyon advised that the vendor go directly to the schools to do clean-outs, rather than have school personnel bring chemicals to a household hazardous waste collection. T. Kennedy suggested that the idea for a District-wide science lab clean-out could form the basis for the next USDA grant application.

7. Update on E-waste Law

T. Kennedy and M. O'Brien spoke about the new law. Much is as yet unknown about the ramifications for the District because the implementation plan has not been completely worked out. After the bidding process and the choice of a vendor, much more will become clear; for example, designated collection sites within the District.

8. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien discussed her monthly report for January. She noted that recycling bins had been ordered.

9. Discussion of USDA Grant

T. Kennedy described the application that the District submitted with the Windham District for permanent, cooperative household hazardous waste disposal collection sites.

10. Old Business

- Discussion of tonnage and revenue figures
- Auditors - T. Kennedy noted that there would be an audit.

11. New Business

G. Timko expressed his wish to see the Cavendish Transfer Station accept more recyclable materials such as milk jugs and newspaper. He suggested that perhaps his small town could work with a larger town. T. Kennedy said that he would help with that idea.

12. Other Business

None

13. Adjourn

At 7:33 p.m., J. Fromberger made a motion to adjourn. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien

District Clerk