

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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Board of Supervisors Public Meeting Thursday, January 28, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Remotely held due to COVID-19 pandemic

Public Hearing on Draft 2021-2026 Draft Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) **

Joe Fromberger, District Chair, opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Tom Kennedy and Mary T. O'Brien described the changes in the draft SWIP vs. the previous SWIP for 2015-2020. J. Fromberger closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

At 6:07 p.m., J. Fromberger called the meeting to order.

1. Roll Call

Those supervisors and alternates present on the call included: Joe Fromberger (Andover), Wayne Wheelock, alternate (Baltimore), Bruce McEnaney (Cavendish), Derek Suursoo, (Chester), Scott Murphy (Ludlow), Scott Pickup (Rockingham), Jeff Mobus (Springfield), Brandon Gulnick and Paul Tillman, alternate (Weathersfield and proxy for Reading), and Tom Kenyon (West Windsor). Also present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager, and Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk and Recycling Coordinator.

Ten towns were represented and a quorum established.

2. Additions to the Agenda

T. Kennedy stated that he'd received a letter from the Town of Reading authorizing the supervisor or alternate from Weathersfield to exercise Reading's vote on its behalf.

D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. J. Mobus seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Approve minutes of July 23, 2020 meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020 meeting. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. This was the District's previous meeting; the October meeting was canceled for lack of a quorum. All voted in favor.

4. Receipt of Treasurer's Report for December 2020

D. Suursoo made a motion to receive the Treasurer's Report. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. The Treasurer, Darlene Kelley, was not present so T. Kennedy discussed the Report. He noted that the District is way ahead of the expected revenue in the glass program. The State's pesticide reimbursement program is running out of money so that is a concern. Halfway through the fiscal year, revenues are at 51.5% and expenses are at 48.5%. There was no discussion on the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Discussion of Solid Waste Contract for Transfer Stations

T. Kennedy stated that the contract with Casella Waste began on July 1, 2018 and will expire June 30, 2021 but can continue for two more one-year terms. The Executive Committee, however, recently voted to go out to bid. The District needs to give Casella Waste one hundred and twenty days' notice if the contract will not be renewed. The request for proposals (RFP) will go out in February so that a hauler recommendation to the entire Board can be announced at the annual District meeting on April 22, 2021. S. Pickup asked if the level of service would remain the same with a new contract. J. Fromberger responded in the affirmative. D. Suursoo made a motion to instruct management to pursue an RFP for a new solid waste contract. P. Tillman seconded the motion. T. Kennedy noted that the RFP would be out for a month for responses. All voted in favor.

6. Update on HHW Facility

T. Kennedy showed a PowerPoint presentation on "SWWC's Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility" which described the reasons for building a facility and the proposed layout. He stated that it is a public/private partnership with Alva Waste. He explained how the program will work. Residents are not currently charged for disposal but that may change with permanent facility.

7. Update on Glass Program

T. Kennedy said that the program is working well now after a few glitches in the beginning. Separating out glass can be financially advantageous because it's only \$40 per ton vs. \$100+ per ton for single-stream (mixed) recycling.

8. Update on Organics Collection Program for residents and schools

M. O'Brien spoke about delivering food scrap buckets to various schools in the District for use in their classrooms, since some schools are choosing to have students eat in classrooms, rather than in the cafeteria because of the pandemic.

9. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien spoke about the PaintCare program's success vs. its success in four other New England states.

10. Legislative Activities

T. Kennedy stated that the Vermont Legislature is working on COVID-related issues but that an extended producer responsibility for HHW bill, and an expansion of the bottle bill are also being considered.

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11. Old Business

The District's 5-year Certificate of Deposit (CD) at Claremont Savings Bank came due in December. The Executive Committee voted to renew it for one year because the interest rates are so low (.44%). There is about \$63,000.00 in the CD.

12. New Business

- a. Organizational Meeting on April 22, 2021 – Need Executive Committee Members, presently 2 vacancies

The supervisors will need to elect officers and members of the Executive Committee. The vice-chair position is currently vacant.

13. Adjourn

At 7:01 p.m., S. Murphy made a motion to adjourn. J. Mobus seconded. All voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
District Clerk