

Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

District Board of Supervisors

Thursday, July 26, 2012

Select Board Hall

Springfield Town Offices

Supervisors and Alternates present: Forrest Randall, Chair; Cynthia Gibbs, Tom Kenyon, Wayne Wheelock, Frank Heald, Jeffrey Slade, Scott Ranney, Derek Suursoo

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

F. Randall called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Eight towns present – quorum established.

2. Approve Minutes of April 12, 2012 Meeting

T. Kenyon made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2012 meeting as presented. J. Slade seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites discussed the Profit and Loss vs. Actual figures for eleven months - July 2011 through May 2012. Negative net income was \$10,000; it was budgeted at \$16,600. He stated that he thought that income and expenses would break even once all the income for the year was received. On the Balance Sheet, the District has \$510,000.00 in cash. D. Suursoo made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and hold it for audit. T. Kenyon seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Discussion of new Solid Waste Law

T. Kennedy discussed the new law and read aloud highlights from the "cheat sheet" (summary) of the law, which supervisors had received. He noted that an interesting requirement will be the mandated pickup of recyclables, at no charge, by haulers. Discussion ensued. T. Kennedy believes that a significant challenge will be organics collection and composting.

5. Discussion of new Lamp Recycling Law

M. O'Brien and T. Kennedy outlined the main characteristics of the law. M. O'Brien noted that six town managers had signed onto the Vermont Lamp Recycling Program Participation Agreement; all transfer stations in the District will participate in the program, as will WinCycle which will be serving as Windsor's recycling center as of August 4, 2012. The lamp program was created by the National

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Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) which contracted with Universal Recycling Technologies (URT) of Dover, New Hampshire to run the program. NEMA's program is designed

for homeowners and small businesses. Anyone can bring in up to 10 fluorescent tubes and an unlimited number of CFLs (compact fluorescent lamps) per visit at no charge. NEMA sent out 700 letters to retailers and districts to encourage participation in the program. For retailers, NEMA rolled out a mail-back program; FedEx will pick up the filled boxes.

6. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien reminded supervisors that the next household hazardous waste collections will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at both the Springfield and Weathersfield transfer stations.

7. Old Business

- Casella Contract

T. Kennedy thanked the Executive Committee for their work with negotiating the contract with Casella. This is an addendum to the original contract, **not** a new contract. It is for two years with a one-year extension option. There will be neither an increase in the tipping fee nor an increase in the pull rate. D. Suursoo noted that an RFP (request for proposals) was sent out and other bids were sought.

- RPC Contract with District

T. Kennedy stated that the Regional Planning Contract for managing the District was discussed with the Executive Committee.

- Electronics Law Change

M. O'Brien stated that in response to feedback, the law had been changed to allow up to seven covered items to be dropped off for free at participating locations. This change was enacted to allow haulers or other non-owners of equipment to recycle materials at no charge for their customers or relatives, for example.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjourn

At 6:47 p.m., F. Heald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.
The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
District Clerk