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Board of Supervisors Quarterly District Meeting Thursday, July 26, 2018 Springfield Firehouse on Hartness Avenue, Springfield, Vermont

Meeting Minutes

At 6:00 p.m., Forrest Randall called the meeting to order.

1. Additions to the Agenda – none

2. Roll Call

Board supervisors present included: Forrest Randall, Springfield; David Bemis, Athens; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; Bruce McEnaney, Cavendish; Derek Suursoo, Chester; Cynthia Gibbs, Grafton; Scott Murphy, Ludlow; John Denner (alternate), Ludlow; Gary DeRosia, Rockingham; and Ed Morris, Weathersfield. Others present included: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk and Recycling Coordinator; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; Jim Toher, Casella; and Lisa and Scott Ransom, Grow Compost of Vermont. A quorum was achieved with nine of fourteen towns represented.

3. Approve minutes of April 26, 2018

D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting as presented. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites noted that the Report covered until May 31, 2018 at which point year-to-date income exceeded expenses by \$358.00. The tip fee surcharge was at 84% although the budget was at 91-92% at that time of the fiscal year. G. DeRosia made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and hold it for audit. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. Approve contract with Casella Waste Services

T. Kennedy refreshed everyone's memory about the two proposals which were received in response to the District's request-for-proposals (RFP). At the previous District meeting, the Board had agreed to a contract with Casella for the period of July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2021 with two potential one-year extensions. All towns with transfer stations have signed the

contract. All towns will get a scanned copy of the signed contract which includes the following -

“The disposal fee for MSW, C&D or Bulky Waste transported by CWM from the District Towns’ Transfer Stations shall be \$105.00 per ton, which includes the Vermont State Solid Waste Franchise Tax of \$6/ton and the District Surcharge of \$9.00/ton.”

The District surcharge increased to \$9/ton (from \$7) on July 1, 2018. D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the contract dated July 1, 2018. E. Morris seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. Discussion of Organics Collection at District Transfer Stations with Grow Compost

T. Kennedy introduced Lisa and Scott Ransom, the owners of Grow Compost (GC). All transfer stations in the District, with the exception of Cavendish’s, have contracts with GC for food scrap pickup. L. Ransom distributed copies of her company’s flyer. She described the company’s history of hauling and processing food scraps in central Vermont for the past ten years. Grow Compost also takes scraps to anaerobic digesters which use it to produce energy. Their compost facility in North Hartland will be operational soon. It was built by the Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste District and leased back to Grow Compost. S. Ransom noted that the facility has a 100’ x 300’ crushed stone pad. They will use loaders to make windrows which will be 8’ high, 12’ wide at the base. The process from start to finish is a year. All the material is screened at the end.

7. Discussion of Changes to Act 148 (solid waste law) from 2018 legislative session

T. Kennedy went through the changes to the law, explaining the reasons behind each change.

8. Recycling Coordinator’s Report

M. O’Brien spoke about the goal of recycling about 100,000 pounds of used batteries in 2018. She also countered the rumor that backyard composting will be outlawed as of 2020. To the contrary, the District is doing everything it can to encourage backyard composting into the unforeseen future.

9. Old Business

J. Toher thanked everyone for their approval to ratify the new Casella/District contract.

10. New Business – none

11. At 6:41 p.m., D. Suursoo made a motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O’Brien
Clerk