

# Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth  
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

[www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org)

---

## **Board of Supervisors Public Meeting Thursday, November 10, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

Hybrid meeting (held remotely via Zoom, and in-person at Ascutney Professional Building) due to COVID-19 pandemic

### **Meeting Minutes**

At 5:03 p.m., Jeff Mobus, Chair, called the meeting to order.

#### 1. Additions to the Agenda

T. Kennedy stated that the District's treasurer, Darlene Kelly, had resigned. He asked that the appointment of a new treasurer be added as an agenda item.

#### 2. Roll Call

Those supervisors and alternates present via Zoom included: David Bemis, (Athens), Rebecca Lomachinsky (Baltimore), Bruce McEnaney, (Cavendish), Derek Suursoo, (Chester), Scott Murphy (Ludlow), Jim Peplau (Reading), Jeff Mobus (Springfield), and Brandon Gulnick, (Weathersfield and proxy for Reading). Also present via Zoom: Matt Priestley, Alva Waste and Mary T. O'Brien, recycling coordinator for the District.

Supervisor present in-person: Cynthia Gibbs (Grafton). Also present in-person: Tom Kennedy, District Manager.

Nine towns were represented, and a quorum established.

#### 3. a. Approve minutes of July 22, 2021 meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 meeting. J. Peplau seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All voted in favor.

#### b. Appointment of District treasurer

T. Kennedy noted that J. Mobus, B. Gulnick, and the former treasurer, D. Kelly, were signatories for the District. B. Gulnick volunteered to be the new treasurer. J. Peplau made a motion to appoint B. Gulnick as treasurer until the District's April 2022 annual meeting. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor. (N.B. See agenda item #9)

#### 4. Acceptance September 2021 Treasurer's Report

J. Peplau made a motion to accept the 2021 Treasurer's Report. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. T. Kennedy stated that the District is doing well financially. D. Suursoo asked about the legal fees. T. Kennedy responded that those were generated by document review associated with opening the HHW permanent facility. All voted in favor; the motion carried.

#### 5. Update on HHW Facility and HH Collections

T. Kennedy noted that he had sent photos of the new HHW trailers to the supervisors. The concrete pad that they will sit on was poured in October. There are two 20' x 8' trailers and one 40' trailer. All have sides that fully open. T. Kennedy will notify everyone when the trailers are in place so that they can visit the site. He explained that the facility will open slowly with drop-offs by appointment only.

M. O'Brien stated that 240 residents participated in the September 25 HHW collection at the Springfield Transfer Station and that it went smoothly.

#### 6. Update on the collection of organics in the District

T. Kennedy stated that in September, Grow Compost sold their business to Casella. The other major organics collector in Vermont is Agri-Cycle. B. Gulnick informed the supervisors that the Weathersfield Transfer Station has instituted a separate system of coupons for residents who use the food scrap drop-off service. It is one dollar per gallon of food scraps. The Town hopes to recoup at least part of the cost of the service.

#### 7. Discussion of notifying the District on demolition projects in your town

T. Kennedy stated that this has always been a problem but that there are now more contractors who are not licensed by the District, so we are not getting the fee and it is putting the other haulers, who are complying, on unfair footing. Four of the unlicensed contractors have been found recently. D. Suursoo suggested that the District notify selectboards and town managers of the requirement for contractors to be licensed by the District. T. Kennedy responded that he would do that.

#### 8. Overview of solid waste legislative topics for upcoming legislative session

T. Kennedy stated that there are two main subjects: expansion of the bottle bill and product stewardship for packaging and HHW. The expansion would include an increase to 10 cents/bottle, would allow redemption centers to receive more than 3 cents/bottle or can, and would include plastic bottles and wine bottles.

#### 9. Old Business

Referring to agenda item 3.b., D. Suursoo noted that he had read the District bylaws which included "Treasurer shall not be a member of the Board." Therefore, B. Gulnick could not be the new

# Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



Andover • Athens • Baltimore • Cavendish • Chester • Grafton • Ludlow • Plymouth  
Reading • Rockingham • Springfield • Weathersfield • West Windsor • Windsor

[www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org)

---

treasurer. D. Suursoo recommended that Kelly Murphy be asked to be the treasurer. T. Kennedy agreed to ask her.

10. New Business – none

11. Adjourn

At 5:45 p.m., D. Suursoo made a motion to adjourn. S. Murphy seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien  
District Clerk