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Quarterly Meeting Minutes

District Board of Supervisors
Thursday, October 27, 2011
Selectmen's Room
Springfield Town Offices

Supervisors and Alternates present:	Forrest Randall, Chair Mary Ann Remolador Wayne Wheelock	Gary DeRosia Cynthia Gibbs Frank Heald	Jeff Slade
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Others present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk; Dave Allen, Jim Toher, and Randy Dapron from Casella Waste Management

F. Randall called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Only six towns represented - seven towns needed to establish a quorum.

2. Approve minutes of July 28, 2011 Meeting

No quorum so no action taken on minutes.

3. Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites distributed the June figures which were not available at the July meeting. He noted that for the fiscal year's end, revenue exceeded expenses by about \$8,500.00. B. Forguites distributed the Profit vs. Loss and Budget vs. Actual figures and also the Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2011. For the first two months of this fiscal year, revenues have exceeded expenses by \$4,770. No action was taken on the Treasurer's Report for lack of a quorum.

4. Discussion of Casella's Single Stream Program

D. Allen noted that he is leaving our service area and going to the Burlington service area. J. Toher will take over our service area. R. Dapron is manager of the Rutland service area. D. Allen, J. Toher, and R. Dapron discussed Casella's "Zero-Sort" recycling program. Casella is testing their facility in Rutland for Zero-Sort. Having the facility in Rutland will take the transportation burden off of Casella. Transportation is more than half the cost of handling the material.

Most of the recyclables from the Newport and White River Junction facilities will go to Rutland. D. Allen noted that Casella's Zero-Sort program in Springfield is popular - there are currently 200 curbside recycling customers in Springfield. In Springfield, Casella picks up 30-35 lbs. of recycling/home/week; nationwide it's 55-60 lbs./home/week. The Rutland Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) processes 6,000 tons/year and wants to increase that to over 20,000 tons/year. 3-7 plastics are sold domestically. The Rutland MRF's grand opening is on November 18, 2011. Casella's Charlestown, Massachusetts MRF is open for tours quarterly; ask R. Dapron or J. Toher for details. F. Heald asked about tours at the Rutland facility for school children.

5. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. T. O'Brien described the work that she's been doing. She stated that she had recently been to NERC's excellent conference on "Shifting Recycling Markets" and thanked the District for that opportunity. She also noted that she'd been doing a lot of work with WinCycle in Windsor.

6. Update on Permanent HHW Collection Facility

T. Kennedy spoke about the work he's been doing with colleagues to ascertain whether or not the Hartford Transfer Station's household hazardous waste building could be used cooperatively by several districts.

7. Old Business

- Discussion of tonnage report
T. Kennedy noted that tonnage is down about 6%, however, an increase is expected due to the cleanup efforts after Tropical Storm Irene.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjourn

At 6:50 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
District Clerk