

Minutes of the CVSWMD Board Meeting
November 1, 2006
 FINAL
 AMENDED

A meeting of the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors took place at the Chamber of Commerce in Berlin. Towns represented and Board of Supervisors/Alternates present were:

Representative	Town	4/06	5/06	6/06	7/06	9/06	10/06	11/06
vacant	Barre City	√		√	√	√	√	
Bennett, R (alt)	Barre City							
Thumm, F	Barre Town		√	√	√	√	√	√
Mitchell, J (alt)	Barre Town							
Hurley, J	Berlin	√	√	√	√		√	√
Irons, P (alt)	Berlin							
Postpischil, G	Bradford	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
vacant	Cabot							
Powell, W	Calais	√		√	√	√	√	√
Lembke, M	Chelsea	√	√	√				√
Gould, S (alt)	Chelsea							
Callan, G	E. Montpelier	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Hall, R (alt)	E. Montpelier							
Delaricheliere, T	Hardwick	√	√	√			√	√
Yoder, M (alt)	Hardwick							
Peter Sills	Marshfield							
vacant	Middlesex	√	√	√	√	√		
Hooper, A	Montpelier	√	√	√		√	√	√
White, F.	Northfield	√	√			√	√	√
Cattaneo, L	Orange	√	√	√	√			√
Walrafen, J CHAIR	Plainfield	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
D'Amico, G	Roxbury	√	√	√	√	√		√
vacant	Strafford							
McCann, M	Tunbridge		√	√	√	√		
Jacques, T	Walden	√	√			√	√	√
vacant	Washington							
Evans, D	Williamstown	√	√		√	√	√	√
Ron Wells	Woodbury							

Others in attendance: Donna Barlow Casey, John Grosvenor, Aislinn Agnew, Dennis Sauer, Liz Helrich, Lydia Menendez, Tom Anderson and Barb Baird (recording).

Janice Walrafen called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. (1)

Agenda Revisions (2)

It was decided to switch items 6 & 7 and add the vote of a resolution for Bob Shambo (Barre City) who recently resigned from the Board under 5a.

Public Comment Period and Announcements (3) – None

Consent Agenda (4) – Action Item

- a) Receive the Monthly Financial Statements
- b) Adopt Minutes of October 4, 2006 Board meeting
- c) Receive Minutes of October 18 and September 20, 2006 Executive Board & Compensation Committee Meetings

Fred Thumm moved the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dave Evans moved to create a resolution for Bob Shambo of Barre City to be read into the December Board meeting minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously. (5a)

Special Election for member(s) of the Executive Board and Vice-Chairperson (5b)

Dave Evans nominated Ted Jacques and Tod Delaricheliere to the Executive Board. There were no other nominations. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tod Delaricheliere nominated Dave Evans to be Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Tod Delaricheliere noted that the FOC needs one new member and a Chair.

John Hurley nominated Fred Thumm for the FOC. There were no other nominations. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Janice Walrafen appointed John Hurley to be the FOC Chair.

Authorize use of On-Farm Partnership Grant Funds for site improvements at The Highfields Institute, Hardwick (6)

Tom Anderson and Tom Gilbert answered Board member's questions. Ted Jaques stated that he had seen the facility and it was a "no-brainer" in keeping food waste out of the landfill.

There was some discussion regarding commitment from Highfields and competition in the marketplace. This led to whether the District should provide contracts.

Dave Evans moved to authorize the use of \$12,000 from the FY '07 budget funding for on-farm partnership to the Highfields Institute. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Adopt New Standards for Member(s) for Determining Financial Support of Drop-off Facilities (7)

Janice Walrafen asked members to volunteer their thoughts on the matter.

Lee Cattaneo suggested the FOC's recommendation be broader; that standards should be adopted beyond sites where the District holds the permit or operates the drop-off.

Mark Lembke asked about the status of the EOS project.

Dave Evans announced that District Board members should be talking to the towns if they are talking about diminishing or ending subsidies.

Ginny Callan asked how the District can not subsidize if it means towns leaving the CVSWMD.

There was discussion on how to go about it if that is the path the District takes. Would there be slow, graduated cutbacks? Workshops with towns?

Janice Walrafen suggested continuing the discussion in December and then asked for a show of hands for the following questions:

How many Board members would vote to stop the subsidies cold/cut to zero? 0

How many would vote for a graduated change, working with the towns? 11

How many would vote for no change in subsidies? 2

Bill Powell stated that it is all a gray area since there are no written agreements.

Mark Lembke said he will pass information along to Tunbridge as well as Chelsea.

Donna Barlow Casey asked if the POC would be willing to work with the towns instead of staff.

Lee Cattaneo moved that the dealings with Chelsea, Strafford and Tunbridge be passed to the Program Oversight Committee. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Committee Reports (8)

Committee on Compensation: Donna Barlow Casey reported that VLCT is still working on it and that Dennis met with Dominic Cloud last week. Barlow Casey will be giving Cloud staff's job descriptions. She also said that the committee will need another member since Bob Shambo resigned.

POC: Dave Evans announced that the committee will have no lack of work now, referring to the motion on working with Chelsea, Tunbridge and Strafford. He also said that the meeting with Tom Gilbert was very informative.

FOC: There was no quorum at the regular monthly committee meeting but ideas were put out.

Biosolids: Ginny Callan asked if staff could create a PowerPoint presentation and brochures on septic care. She also wondered about surcharge for biosolids. When the plan is approved, she would like to amend the biosolids chapter to ban biosolids from being composted with food waste and other agricultural products.

SWIP Public Hearing & Final Adoption Process (9)

Barlow Casey explained that there were no major changes to the document in State's pre-approval letter. There will be two public hearing and a pristine copy of the SWIP will then be printed and distributed.

Update on Barre Town Lease Extension (10)

Barlow Casey reported that the Barre Town Selectboard voted to extend the lease to June 30, 07. Paperwork is going back and forth on the matter.

Update on re-envisioning process (11)

Barlow Casey said that there are 4 consultants interested in the work and she will be sharing qualifications with the Board.

Round Table and Announcements (12)

Lee Cattaneo missed the meeting when Kathryn Mathieson's Board questionnaire was distributed and asked for a copy.

Gerhard Postpischil shared an article about paper recycling.

Ginny Callan reminded people about the November 11 “Building Solutions” workshop held by VPIRG, Rural Vermont and others. Donna Barlow Casey will be speaking.

Janice Walrafen welcomed Ted and Tod to the Executive Board, Fred to the FOC, Dave to Vice Chair and John to FOC chair.

Mark Lembke thanked members for being supportive in the depot discussions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15

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