

**Minutes of the CVSWMD Board Meeting  
November 7, 2007**

**approved**

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:

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>4/07</b>	<b>5/07</b>	<b>6/07</b>	<b>9/07</b>	<b>10/07</b>	<b>11/07</b>
Micheli, S	Barre City						
Wolfe, N (alt)	Barre City						√
Thumm, F	Barre Town	√			√	√	√
Mitchell, J (alt)	Barre Town						
Hurley, J	Berlin	√	√	√	√	√	√
Irons, P (alt)	Berlin						
Postpischil, G	Bradford	√	√	√	√	√	√
Eno, R.D.	Cabot					√	
Powell, W	Calais		√	√	√		√
Lembke, M	Chelsea	√	√	√			√
Gould, S (alt)	Chelsea					√	
Callan, G	E. Montpelier	√	√	√	√		√
Hall, R (alt)	E. Montpelier						
Delaricheliere, T	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						
Ludwig, J	Tunbridge			√	√	√	√
Lynaugh, B	Walden						
vacant	Washington						
vacant	Williamstown	√	√	√			
vacant	Woodbury						

Others in attendance – Donna Barlow Casey, Karl Hammer (Vermont Compost Company)

Janice Walrafen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. (1)

Agenda Revisions (2) – none

Public Comment Period and Announcement (3)

Consent Agenda (4) **action item**

- Adopt minutes of the October 17, 2007 Board meeting
- Authorize a line item adjustment to the FY 2008 Budget that moves \$1,400 from the GOD Other Purchased Services line item to Professional Services Organics line item

**Fred White moved the consent agenda it was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Briefing on Vermont Compost Situation (5) **action item**

- Resolution in support of Compost Association of VT stakeholder process  
Karl Hammer, owner of Vermont Compost was asked to explain the situation he is currently caught up in. Board members asked questions to gain insight on the issue. Fred White suggested that the draft resolution be re-written to include reference to the MOU mentioned by Karl Hammer.

The draft resolution then read:

**RESOLUTION of the  
Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District  
Adopted by Unanimous Vote at the  
November 7, 2007 Meeting of the Board of Supervisors**

Be it resolved that the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District requests that the State Agencies of Natural Resources and Agriculture work together as follows. First, we ask that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two agencies defining a process for managing citizen complaints in regards to alleged discharges to state waters from agricultural enterprises be employed expediently in regards to the current Vermont Compost situation in Montpelier. Second, we recommend that both Secretaries make funds available immediately to support the efforts of the Composting Association of Vermont to conduct a statewide stakeholder process and study that will help the legislature determine the jurisdiction over farm and commercial composting and standards for composted materials. We are seeking a recommended approach for the regulation of composting operations that will meet the needs of farms, schools, municipalities, grocery stores, co-ops, restaurants, and employee cafeterias, protect the environment and public health and secure critical agricultural resources for our communities. Many schools, business and civic organizations in the CVSWMD member communities rely on the nationally recognized District-run composting program that works in partnership with Vermont Compost Company, and our region's interests in maintaining high-level environmental programming that supports soil security, local agriculture, and the growth of local economic development will be compromised if they find it impossible to continue due to the current environment of regulatory uncertainty.

**Mark Lembke moved to adopt the resolution as written. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

*Elect a Vice Chairperson (6) action item*

Janice Walrafen opened nominations for Vice Chair and Tod Delaricheliere was nominated. There were no further nominations. Janice Walrafen closed nominations. **Tod Delaricheliere was unanimously voted to be Vice Chairperson.**

*Ratify Appointment to Committee Vacancies (7) action item*

Other appointments to be ratified were R.D. Eno to the Financial Oversight Committee, Ginny Callan to the Program Oversight Committee and Fred Thumm as Chair of the Program Oversight Committee. **The appointments to the committees were ratified unanimously.**

*Adopt Per Capita Fee for FY 2009 (8) action item*

**John Hurley moved that the per capita be capped at \$3.10 for the FY '09 budget. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

*Committee Reports (9)*

- a. Financial Oversight Committee – The committee reviewed the Capital Planning Policy with Treasurer Peter Anthony. They are taking comments on proposed policies and are going to continue to revise the policy and bring it to the Board in the future.
- b. Program Oversight Committee – The committee spoke with Gary Liss and the groundwork is being laid out.
- c. Biosolids Committee – Fred White reported that the committee is spending time looking at what people are doing with their waste pharmaceuticals. The disposal of the pharmaceuticals into the wastewater system is preventing the use of biosolids in a beneficial manner. Fred also reported that the committee would like Board authorization to begin looking at compost criteria. The Board members discussed whether this was an action that would be appropriate to begin. Board members, through a show of hands, gave unanimous support for the committee to continue this work.

*Roundtable and Announcements (10)*

Mark Lembke welcomed Nancy Wolfe to the Board.

Fred White congratulated Janice on moderating the meeting expediently.

Janice Walrafen was proud of the article about the District's Zero Waste Plan in BioCycle magazine.

John Hurley said that he copied the District newsletter and had it go out to all Berlin residents.

Gerhard Postpischil asked about an update on the Chelsea contract.

Donna Barlow Casey announced that before the December meeting there will be a reunion of sorts with present and past Board members at Vermont College.

Jim Ludwig returned his Board notebook and with his own notes on how the District should orient new members.

Nancy Wolfe said that she was very excited and interested in the BioCycle article and is happy to be on the Board.

*Adjourn*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Prepared by: