

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the CVSWMD Board and Executive Board of Supervisors  
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce – 33 Stewart Rd. Berlin**

**April 3, 2019**

**Draft until approved**

A meeting of the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors – Towns represented and Board of Supervisors/Alternates present were:

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>4/19</b>
Micheli, S.	Barre City	
Ahearn W. (alt)	Barre City	
Thumm, F.	Barre Town	X
Mitchell, J. (alt)	Barre Town	
Levin, M.	Berlin	X
Postpischil, G.	Bradford	X
Powell, B.	Calais	X
Brabant, J. (alt)	Calais	
Vacant	Chelsea	
Vacant	Duxbury	
Malina G.	E. Montpelier	
Nunez T.	Fairlee	X
Cornish, S.	Hardwick	
Fielder, S. (alt)	Hardwick	
Krauth, A.	Middlesex	
Cheney E.	Montpelier	X
Hierl, L. (alt)	Montpelier	
Cattaneo, L.	Orange	
Holmgren, E. (alt)	Orange	
Ziegler B.	Plainfield	X
Vacant	Tunbridge	
Hatch R.	Walden	
Carbee, P	Washington	X
Rouleau, M	Williamstown	X
Covey, F (alt)	Williamstown	
Nold-Laurendeau, J.	Woodbury	

Others in attendance:

Bruce Westcott, Cathleen Gent, Brenna Toman, Barb Baird – District Staff

Call to Order (1)

With no quorum of the full Board, Fred Thumm called the Executive Board to order at 6:35.

Agenda Revisions (2)

None

Public Comment Period and Announcements (3)

None

Introduction of New Members of the Board of Supervisors (4)

The Board welcomed Matt Rouleau of Williamstown.

**At 6:40, a quorum of the Board was attained. Fred Thumm called the meeting of the Board to order.**

Annual Organizational Matters (5)

- a. Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair

**Bill Powell moved to elect Fred Thumm as Chair and Lee Cattaneo as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

- b. Appointment of Officers – Treasurer and Clerk

**Bill Powell moved to appoint Kathie Felch as Treasurer and Peter Carbee as Clerk. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

- c. Executive Board and Committee Establishment

Fred Thumm appointed the following supervisors to committees:

**Executive Board (EB)**

Fred Thumm  
Lee Cattaneo  
Bill Powell  
Peter Carbee  
Matt Levin

**Financial Oversight Committee (FOC)**

Fred Thumm  
Bill Powell  
Tad Nunez  
Gabrielle Malina  
Steve Micheli

**Program Oversight Committee (POC)**

Lee Cattaneo  
Gerhard Postpischil  
Ellen Cheney  
Gabrielle Malina  
Matt Rouleau

## Grants Committee

Matt Levin  
Shari Cornish  
Ellen Cheney  
Peter Carbee  
Anita Krauth

d. Establish Regular Date and Time of Board meetings

**Matt Levin moved that the District will have no regular meetings in January, July and August, and will have regular meetings in the other months on the first Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

## Consent Agenda (6)

- a. Adopt the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting of March 6, 2019
- b. Accept the minutes of the Executive Board meetings of March 14, 2019
- c. Accept the minutes of the committees: Program Oversight – March 6, 2019 and Financial Oversight – March 26, 2019

**Bill Powell moved to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

## Strategic Planning (7)

Cathleen Gent explained that at the March Board meeting, staff was directed to return with language specific to two items in the Strategic Plan because they showed as separate deliverable items. Staff recommended that the two items be combined as shown in the April board packet.

**Matt Levin moved that the Strategic Plan include the following -**

**Staff and Board will pursue facilities adequate to support program priorities:**

- **HHW: move forward to implement a District level, then potentially a regional HHW facility;**
- **ARCC and hard-to-recycle materials: identify and build/lease larger facility as programming exceeds current space capacity and logistics.**

**The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

## Presentations: Grant Activity Highlights (8)

- EPA Healthy Communities Grant – FY '18

Brenna Toman, School Zero Waste Coordinator, gave a presentation on the tray waste (food) study that was conducted through the grant at numerous local schools.

- USDA Solid Waste Management Grant –FY '18

Bruce Westcott presented on the grant that was used for residential food scrap diversion.

- EPA Healthy Communities Grant – FY '18

Bruce Westcott presented information on the grant's focus on safe cleaning education.

PowerPoint with specifics of the grant activities is available through the CVSWMD offices.

### Overview of Grant Applications Planned or Pending (9)

Bruce Westcott led the discussion of applications for:

- USDA Solid Waste Management grant focusing on ground water education with a grant request of \$130,671 - match of \$44,700.
- Northern Boarder Regional Commission grant to expand recycling and hazardous waste disposal and for “hub and spoke” approach to bring resources to rural communities. This would be a grant of 500,000 - match of \$1,500,000.

There was a consensus that the Financial Oversight Committee would review the subject of matching grants at their April meeting.

### Legislative Update (10)

Bruce Westcott gave an update on what has been discussed by lawmakers regarding solid waste, composting and recycling.

### Roundtable and Announcements (11)

Ellen Cheney – Montpelier and Barre City mayors (and herself) are meeting to talk about city wide pick up of trash, recycling and food waste.

Peter Carbee – was ringleader at the Repair Café in Montpelier last Saturday. 104 items were brought in and there were 17 repair people.

Matt Levin – there was an article in the Times Argus about the mattress recycling pilot program in Barre Town.

Matt Rouleau – is the mattress recycling for all District residents? Yes.

Gerhard Postpischil – shared an article on a Danish study of the use of different kinds of bags.

Barb Baird – welcomed Matt Rouleau and told Board that the Green Up Day grant info went out to our communities.

Motion to adjourn:

8:15

Prepared by:

Barb Baird