

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

March 2, 2016

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

Representative	Town	4/15	5/15	9/15	11/15	12/15	2/16	3/16
Micheli, S.	Barre City	X	X		X	X	X	X
Taft, R. (alt)	Barre City							
Thumm, F.	Barre Town	X	X			X	X	X
Mitchell, J. (alt)	Barre Town			X	X			
Levin, M.	Berlin	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Postpischil, G.	Bradford	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Powell, B.	Calais	X		X	X			X
Lembke, M.	Chelsea	X	X		X	X	X	X
Callan, G.	E. Montpelier	X		X		X	X	X
Hanson, B.	Fairlee							
Kellogg, N.	Hardwick	X	X	X	X		X	X
Krauth, A.	Middlesex	X	X			X		X
Wheeler, C.	Montpelier				X	X	X	X
Bate, D. (alt)	Montpelier		X					
Cattaneo, L.	Orange	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Zeisel, L.	Plainfield	X	X	X	X	X		X
Vacant	Tunbridge							
Gershun, E.	Walden					X	X	X
Carbee, P	Washington		X	X		X	X	X
Sandlin, C.	Williamstown	X	X	X				X
Vacant	Woodbury							

Others in attendance:

Leesa Stewart, Cathleen Gent, Barb Baird – District Staff
Eric Law – USDA
Brynn Oakleaf – VT ANR
David Delcore – Times Argus

Fred Thumm called the meeting to order at 6:30 (Claire Wheeler, Montpelier representative, attending by phone) (1)

Agenda Revisions (2)

None

Public comment period and announcements (3)

None

Eric Law, USDA and Brynn Oakleaf VT ANR (4)

- Presentation on USDA grant and loan opportunities

Eric Law gave a presentation on USDA funding opportunities for solid waste infrastructure and answered board member's questions. He can be contacted at eric.law@vt.usda.gov

Board and Committee reports (5)

None

Accept the Consent Agenda (6)

- Adopt the minutes of the February Board meeting
- Accept the minutes of the Executive Board and Committee meetings

Lee Cattaneo announced that the POC needs a new member. **Lee Cattaneo moved to accept the consent agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously including Montpelier by phone.**

Town Meeting Day reports (7)

Anita Krauth: Middlesex – handed out fliers

Laura Zeisel: Plainfield – they did not discuss CVSWMD at all

Ellen Gershun: Walden – solid waste was a non-issue

Gerhard Postpischil: Bradford – fine with \$2.00 per capita

Ginny Callan: East Montpelier – folks took fliers – request board members names be on fliers

Nancy Kellogg: Hardwick – put fliers out in 2 places

Mark Lembke: Chelsea – solid waste was not discussed

Matt Levin: Berlin – made a report from the floor/ no questions or concerns.

Peter Carbee: Washington – no discussion about solid waste/gave bullet points from handout

Bill Powell: Calais – budget approved/ solid waste non-issue

Charles Sandlin: Williamstown – contentious/ chair said things about CVSWMD that weren't true/he is hanging back to see where to go from here

Facility Project (8)

Leesa Stewart reported that she, Cathleen Gent and Cassandra Hemenway had just been to some member Selectboards discussing the facility project when the Executive Board voted in an emergency meeting to suspend the facility project.

Matt Levin moved to adopt the following resolution:

The Board of Supervisors (“Board”) directs staff to suspend investigation into purchase of any specific land or construction of any specific new facility through the end of the District’s 2017 Fiscal Year.

During that time, staff is directed to continue exploring options for:

- Providing programming to meet the needs of member municipalities,
- Comply with state mandates, and

- **Addressing current and forecasted District infrastructure deficiencies**

This work shall be done without requiring additional per capita or other charges to member towns through the period.

The per capita increase from \$1 to \$2 for FY '17 previously approved by the Board is rescinded.

The Executive Board is charged with:

- **Directly overseeing staff activities described above;**
- **Conducting enhanced outreach to member towns;**
- **Directing the work of the Facility Committee; and,**
- **Reporting regularly to the Board.**

The motion was seconded.

After some discussion Matt Levin made a friendly amendment to his resolution.
It now read:

The Board of Supervisors ("Board") directs staff to suspend investigation into purchase of any specific piece of property or construction of any specific new facility through the end of the District's 2017 Fiscal Year.

During that time, staff is directed to continue exploring options for:

- **Providing programming to meet the needs of member municipalities,**
- **Comply with state mandates, and**
- **Addressing current and forecasted District infrastructure deficiencies**

This work shall be done without requiring additional per capita or other charges to member communities through the period.

The per capita increase from \$1 to \$2 for FY '17 previously approved by the Board is rescinded, thus implementing the December 2015 Board action.

The Executive Board is charged with:

- **Directly overseeing staff activities described above;**
- **Conducting enhanced outreach to member communities;**
- **Reporting regularly to the Board.**

Seconded.

Discussion:

Peter Carbee said he doesn't like being threatened by Selectboards and wondered if the district should put the project to the voters since most towns were okay with it. There was discussion about the importance of keeping all our current member towns in the CVSWMD.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously including Montpelier by phone.

Fred Thumm appointed Matt Levin to the Executive Board.

General Manager Hiring Update (9)

Leesa Stewart stated that she and a few members of the Executive Board will be conducting interviews for the General Manager position on March 16 from 5-8 p.m. Other board members are welcome to observe, but not ask the questions – and also to stay for all the interviews if coming.

Accept the financial statements for the period ending December 31, 2015 (10)

Lee Cattaneo moved to accept the financial statements. The motion was seconded. Leesa Stewart answered any questions. **The motion passed unanimously including Montpelier by phone.**

Allocation of FY 15 surplus revenue (11)

Laura Zeisel moved to allocate the surplus revenue as described on page 33 of the meeting packet. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously including Montpelier by phone.

Approve Budget Revision (12)

Bill Powell moved to approve the budget revision as proposed in the packet with the change: line 6006 – professional services remain as stated in the adopted budget and \$30,878 to the reserve fund. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously including Montpelier by phone.

Adopt resolution regarding GPS/ cell phone tracking (13)

Leesa Stewart explained that the district continues to have problems with some staff working their hours and schedules. She was quick to point out that the problem is not with all staff. There was discussion - some were uncomfortable with the resolution. The group could not come up with a better way to deal with the issue. Gerhard Postpischil suggested the resolution include GPS on district vehicles as well as phones.

Lee Cattaneo moved to adopt the resolution and to include district vehicles. The motion was seconded and passed with a nay vote from Middlesex; Plainfield, Hardwick abstaining and an affirmative vote from Montpelier by phone.

Round Table and Announcements (14)

Matt Levin – his wife is allowing him to be on the Executive board for a few months.

Nancy Kellogg – saw the film, “This Changes Everything” and said it was great.

Leesa Stewart – H602 is pending. Please contact Tony Klein to send it out of House Natural Resources

Gerhard Postpischil – Hamburg, Germany has outlawed single serving food cups

Ellen Gershun – agreed with Nancy on the film

Anita Krauth – glad to be back, sad to see Leesa go, thanked Matt

Charles Sandlin – should we still try to push towns?

Fred Thumm – FOC suggests filming our meetings again. Staff are looking into it.

Motion to adjourn: 8:50

Prepared by: