

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

March 4, 2020

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

Representative	Town	4/19	5/19	6/19	9/19	10/19	11/19	12/19	2/20	3/20
Micheli, S.	Barre City		X	X						X
Ahearn W. (alt)	Barre City									
Thumm, F.	Barre Town	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mitchell, J. (alt)	Barre Town			X			X			X
Levin, M.	Berlin	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Vacant	Bradford	X	X	X	X					
Powell, B.	Calais	X		X	X		X			X
Brabant, J. (alt)	Calais									
Vacant	Chelsea									
Vacant	Duxbury									
Stanton, A.	E. Montpelier		X	X					X	X
Nunez T.	Fairlee	X	X		X				X	
Cornish, S.	Hardwick		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Fielder, S. (alt)	Hardwick									
Krauth, A.	Middlesex									
Barlow Casey, D	Montpelier	X	X	X	X					X
Cattaneo, L.	Orange		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Holmgren, E. (alt)	Orange									
Ziegler B.	Plainfield	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Vacant	Tunbridge									
Hatch R.	Walden									
Carbee, P	Washington	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Rouleau, M	Williamstown	X	X	X					X	X
Covey, F (alt)	Williamstown									
Nold-Laurendeau, J.	Woodbury		X		X			X	X	X

Others in attendance:

Cathleen Gent, Brenna Toman, Lisa Liotta, Barb Baird – District staff

Fred Thumm called the meeting to order at 6:35 (1)

Agenda Revisions (2)

None

Public Comment Period and Announcements (3)

Tad Nunez had a medical emergency and won't be here tonight.

Donna Barlow Casey, new Montpelier representative, was introduced to the group.

Consent Agenda (4)

- a. Adopt the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meeting February 5, 2020
- b. Accept the minutes of the Executive Board meeting February 20, 2020
- c. Accept the minutes of the Committee meeting and hear committee reports:
 - Financial Oversight meeting of February 25, 2020
 - Grants meeting of February 24, 2020
 - Program Oversight – none

Lee Cattaneo moved to adopt the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

HHW facility update (5)

Cathleen Gent explained that the agreement with ANR is not yet signed and there are still minor negotiations going on. The grant from ANR is for \$500,000 and the CVSWMD is committed to spending \$594,000 but the projected total depends on land, if we build to suit or find an existing site. We may apply for additional grant money. Gent noted that once the agreement is signed, she will communicate with towns and get on Selectboard agendas to discuss. It is important to note that the organization is not asking to go to bond for the project. An RFP for client project management services will go out soon and an RFQ for build to suit will be issued after that. The ad hoc committee is still forming and there will be a finalized business plan.

Grant programs (6)

- a. School Zero Waste Program grant for Crossett Brook Middle School. The school requested \$900 to keep funding a compost monitor at the school through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Bill Powell moved to grant Crossett Brook Middle School \$900 for a compost monitor. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

- b. Municipal Services Program grants – FY 21 – round one. There is \$20,000 available to member towns for up to \$5,000 on a first come, first served basis. In the past some have been used to fund special collections such as e-waste, paint, mattresses. A 2-person committee of technical experts will recommend awards to the Grant committee who will recommend grants to the board in June. There was the suggestion that towns be given examples of what they could apply for.

ARCC Zero Waste Lab Material additions (7)

Lisa Liotta explained to the board that Zero Waste Lab items are things we accept at the ARCC on a trial basis as staff work to determine the viability of taking them permanently.

- Damaged lithium batteries – can come from cell phones, laptops etc. They are energy dense and can catch on fire. They can be stored safely by us in special containers.

- Fluorescent light ballasts – lots of customers are still disposing these, some of which can contain PCB's.

The POC in their meeting this afternoon, recommends approval for taking these items in our Zero Waste Lab program.

Bill Powell moved to accept damaged lithium batteries and fluorescent light ballasts at the ARCC as part of the Zero Waste Lab program. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Coronavirus (7a)

Cathleen Gent explained what the staff was doing to sanitize both office and ARCC and stress proper hygiene protocol. She added that it is possible the office and/or ARCC may need to close if staff are sick. She will bring recommendations for policy changes to the EB and/or the full Board. Cathleen will discuss potential changes with staff.

2020 Vermont Legislative priorities (8)

Cathleen Gent stated that the Vermont Solid Waste Districts Manager's Association (VSWDMA), of which she belongs, took a position on the following:

- Support of the July 1, 2020 ban on food residuals to be landfilled
- Support for EPR packaging
- Support for EPR for household hazardous waste products
- Support for pursuing the Agency of Agriculture Pesticide program to increase funding to the districts to manage pesticides. A meeting will be scheduled with Agency of Agriculture to discuss.
- Support a single use product working group.

The board discussed the timing of supporting any of the items presented. It was requested that staff have a letter of support ready to produce if the legislators look to extend the July 1, 2020 date for food residuals.

Board Retreat Follow up – Board participation strategies & preparation for new appointments/members (9)

At their meeting, the Executive Board concluded it is best not to invest in teleconferencing at this time. Cathleen will ask if the Chamber has any plans to update technology. Consensus that the ARCC is not a good place to meet. Perhaps meetings in other towns periodically.

New members will be appointed by April. The District's organizational meeting is the first Wednesday in April. A Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Clerk will be appointed. Committees will be appointed in May once they have time to acclimate and learn more about what the committee work entails. Staff will send completed board or committee job descriptions in advance of the next meeting.

Round Table (10)

Jack Mitchell – don't want to meet at ARCC/welcomed Donna Barlow Casey back/he and Fred were reappointed last night/need someone from District to come to Barre Town bulk collection meeting

Peter Carbee – ditto on ARCC

Shari Cornish – what to do about a local transfer station and its contaminated recycling roll off
Cathleen will call State

Donna Barlow Casey – good to be here

Matt Levin – the State’s budget – getting clearer next week

Jayne Nold-Laurendeau – agree with Shari

Matt Rouleau – Williamstown town meeting was great

Betsy Zeigler – wondered what can be done about rats in composting. Will connect with Outreach Manager, Cass.

Bill Powell – welcomed Donna back

Fred Thumm – this month’s National Geographic is on recycling

Motion to adjourn: moved

8:00 PM

Prepared by Barb Baird