

Approved Minutes  
CVSWMD Program Oversight Committee (POC)  
Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce office  
Wednesday, November 5, 2014

1. Convene meeting: Lee Cattaneo convened the meeting at 5:15 PM with committee members Gerhard Postpischil and Laura Zeisel attending, along with Mia Moore (board member), Leesa Stewart (General Manager), and Cathleen Gent (Planning Analyst). Cathleen Gent took notes. There were no revisions to the agenda.
2. Approve Minutes from October meeting: Laura Zeisel made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting, seconded by Gerhard Postpischil. No changes were offered and the minutes were approved.
3. New Facility
  - Recap of Joint FOC/POC meeting on October 27 – Lee Cattaneo shared his thoughts about the joint meeting, along with staff members Leesa Stewart and Cathleen Gent. Lee Cattaneo said he thought the FOC/POC meeting went well and that, based on the FOC vote, there is now a clear direction to give to the full Board in terms of the recommendation for Option 3 (drop off facility and separate composting facility). Gerhard Postpischil recommended that there be another option put forth for extra mixed use space that could be rented out for offices or stores to generate income for the facility and to serve as a destination for the public. Lee Cattaneo suggested that CVSWMD also look at accepting bulky waste (chairs, sofas, mattresses, etc.) to repurpose the materials (with local partners like Habitat for Humanity) or disassemble and recycle the materials. Lee Cattaneo pointed out that, right now, bulky materials are not included in Option #3.
4. Planning for November 8 Retreat
  - General discussion: program subsidies for all programs and opportunity costs – Lee Cattaneo suggested that the term “subsidy” is not appropriate because CVSWMD is a public institution. The POC requested that the table showing annual program subsidies should be titled “Program Operational Deficits”.
  - Other: The POC asked for a change to one of the questions being discussed during the retreat, revising it as follows, “Should CVSWMD grow the organics program or transition it to the private sector?” The POC also requested that the POC/FOC table with the recommendations be reformatted using concentric circles, rather than the linear table. The committee asked Cathleen Gent, at the retreat, to present background about the committee work process and to explain the recommendation regarding the facility.
5. Adjourn – Lee Cattaneo adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.