

Minutes

CVSWMD Program Oversight Committee (POC)

Central Vermont Chamber of Commerce, 33 Stewart Road, Berlin, VT

Wednesday, November 2, 2016

1. **Convene meeting:** Chair Lee Cattaneo convened the meeting at 5:05 PM with committee members Gerhard Postpischil, and Laura Zeisel. Nancy Kellogg joined the meeting at 5:13 PM. Claire Wheeler participated by phone. Other attendees included Cathleen Gent (Planning Analyst) and Bruce Westcott (General Manager). Cathleen Gent took notes.
2. **Revisions to Agenda** – There were no revisions to the agenda.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes – October 5:** *Laura Zeisel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Gerhard Postpischil. The motion passed unanimously.*
4. **FY18 ARCC Program Plans Review:** Cathleen Gent recapped the portions of the ARCC plan that have been revised since the last POC meeting. The POC reviewed the ARCC Program Plan. Specific changes were made as follows:
  - a. Table 4 (page 5) – Revise “Operational Deficits/Subsidies” title to “Net Gain or Loss”
  - b. Objective #1 – Analyze Specific Materials (page 6) – Add a sentence stating that ARCC staff will monitor which materials are being accepted by haulers/transfer stations, including mandated recyclables.
  - c. Recommendations Regarding Specific Materials (page 10) – Smoke Detectors – Add CO Detectors, if staff agree that they would be recycled along with Smoke Detectors.

In addition, the POC discussed the following (without specific changes to the ARCC Plan): recyclable black plastic is not accepted at certain transfer stations; the limitations for having more storage units at the ARCC location and using storage units off-site at the City of Barre water treatment facility; storage options for the ARCC; the fact that ANR is responsible for enforcing compliance with the mandated recyclable materials; staff examining fee income year-over-year in relation to expenses.

*Motion by Laura Zeisel, seconded by Nancy Kellogg, to recommend approval for the ARCC FY18 Program Plan to the full Board, as amended during this meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Claire Wheeler confirming by phone.*

5. **Enforcement Plan:** The POC discussed violations related to the CVSWMD solid waste ordinance, ranging from license or “paper” violations (not getting licensed), to financial (primarily not paying the surcharge), and not conforming to the unit-based pricing requirements. Bruce Westcott reviewed the process for hauler licensing and CVSWMD enforcement practices in the past as well as provisions in the CVSWMD ordinance for penalty fees for violating the ordinance. Staff will explore the differences between State hauler licensing and District hauler licensing. [Claire Wheeler left the meeting at 5:53 PM.]

The POC also reviewed an email from legal counsel to Bruce Westcott regarding enforcement-based questions posed by the Executive Board (including Lee Cattaneo). Lee Cattaneo said that legal counsel addressed those questions sufficiently. POC members said they support hauler education as the first step, in keeping with CVSWMD past approaches. Bruce Westcott said that staff are exploring surcharge and tonnage data from various sources and will report on that in the future.

The POC discussed CVSWMD’s role in handling illegal dumping and there was agreement that local ordinances are most appropriate to address illegal dumping rather than CVSWMD doing so. The POC discussed the range of potential enforcements, asking staff what parameters they would like. That topic did not conclude during the meeting.

The POC began its review of the unit-based pricing provisions, and will return to that topic at the next meeting.

6. **POC FY17 Work Plan Check-In**: The POC will take up this topic at the next meeting.
7. **Adjournment** – *The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.*