

# Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the CVSWMD Board and Executive Board of Supervisors Meeting

April 7, 2010

A meeting of the CVSWMD Board of Supervisors took place at the Chamber of Commerce, Berlin. Towns represented and Board of Supervisors/Alternates present were:

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>4/10</b>
Wolfe, N	Barre City	√
Micheli, S (alt)	Barre City	
Thumm, F	Barre Town	√
Mitchell, J (alt)	Barre Town	
Levin, M	Berlin	√
Postpischil, G	Bradford	√
Powell, B	Calais	√
Brabant, J (alt)	Calais	
Gould, S	Chelsea	√
Lembke, M (alt)	Chelsea	
Callan, G	E. Montpelier	√
Fixx, P	Hardwick	√
Lewis, R (alt)	Hardwick	
Sills, P	Marshfield	
Krauth, A	Middlesex	√
Moore, M	Montpelier	√
Hooper, A (alt)	Montpelier	
White, F.	Northfield	
Morse, C. (alt)	Northfield	√
Cattaneo, L	Orange	
vacant	Plainfield	
D'Amico, G	Roxbury	
vacant	Tunbridge	
Lynaugh, B	Walden	
vacant	Washington	
vacant	Williamstown	
Barnowski, D	Woodbury	√

Leesa Stewart, Gwen Lyons-Baker, Theresa Murray-Clausen, Mia Roethlein, Ted Coles, Cathy Donohue,  
Barb Baird – District staff  
Dave Parot, Frank Stanley – Myers Containers  
Karl Hammer – Vermont Compost Company  
Kevin Carroll – Barre City  
Scott Baughman – Grow Compost

**Fred Thumm called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:30 (1)**

**Agenda Revisions (2)**

None

**Public Comment Period and Announcements (3)**

Fred Thumm welcomed Paul Fixx of Hardwick and Dave Barnowski of Woodbury to the Board.

Dave Parot of Myers Containers requested that the Board lower the surcharge and he wants to see the District be more profitable in organics.

Leesa Stewart announced that the first District HHW collection is set in Barre Town on May 22. Call the office for more information. (229-9383)

**Consent Agenda (4)**

- Adopt minutes of the March 3, 2010 Board meeting
- Accept minutes of the March 17, 2010 Executive Board meeting
- Accept minutes of the March 22, 2010 Walbridge Committee meeting
- Accept minutes of the March 23, 2010 Financial Oversight Committee meeting

**Mia Moore moved the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Approve resolution honoring former Chair Janice Walrafen (5)**

Fred Thumm read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District wishes to note and honor the contributions made to our region by Janice Walrafen, former CVSWMD Chairperson and Plainfield Board Supervisor, and

WHEREAS, Janice served the District in many capacities during multiple terms of appointment to our organization, as a member of the Executive Board and multiple other committees, Vice-Chairperson of the Board and most recently, Chairperson, and

WHEREAS, Janice, in the course of District duties has spent many hours working with Board Supervisors and supporting staff members in implementing the work of the District, and

WHEREAS, Janice was part of the Board that made history by unanimously adopting a Zero Waste plan, becoming the first municipality east of the Mississippi to take such a forward-thinking step toward sustainability in solid waste management, and

WHEREAS, Janice was capable of envisioning and advocating for new Zero Waste programming such as the development of organics diversion initiatives, of which we enjoyed recognition as co-recipients of a Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence along with the Montpelier School District; and were honored through regional and national coverage by newspapers and environmental publications;

WE, the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS for the CVSWMD hereby demonstrate and acknowledge our appreciation for the leadership and years of dedicated service by the District's first female Chairperson through this resolution, on this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010

**Anita Krauth moved to adopt the resolution with the addition of the creation of a plaque honoring Walrafen's 15 years on the board and her being the first female Chair. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Authorize Green Up Day Grants of \$500 to each member town (6)**

**Charlie Morse moved to authorize the grants for up to \$500 for each member town. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Officer Nominations (7)**

**Charlie Morse moved the slate of nominations for officers in the packet. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

*Fred Thumm – Chair*

*Lee Cattaneo – Vice Chair*

*Peter Anthony – Treasurer*

*Barb Baird – Clerk*

**Committee Appointments (8)**

*Executive Board – Fred Thumm, Lee Cattaneo, Dave Barnowski, Ginny Callan, Bill Powell, Fred White,*

*Financial Oversight Committee – Bill Powell, Mia Moore, Fred Thumm, Anita Krauth*

*Program Oversight Committee – Lee Cattaneo, Gerry D'Amico, Steve Gould, Nancy Wolfe*

*Lawrence Walbridge Reuse Committee – Ginny Callan, Anita Krauth, Matt Levin, Nancy Wolfe + 1 to-be-determined community member*

**Bill Powell moved to appoint the committees. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Authorize General Manager appointment through July 1, 2011 (9)**

Leesa noted that the year was wrong on agenda – not 2010, but 2011.

**Charlie Morse moved to hire Leesa Stewart as interim General Manager to be revisited before July 1, 2011 and delaying the job search and contract with VLCT indefinitely. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Establish the regular date and time for Board meetings (10)**

**Matt Levin moved to establish the regular date and time for Board meetings to be the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 except for the months of January, July and August. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Budget Preview (11)**

Leesa expects the vote on the budget to take place at the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. There will be a public hearing on the budget April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at the District office followed by the regularly scheduled FOC meeting. Leesa went over the items in the packet and answered questions. She went over the biodigester project for new Board members, explaining that the District is no longer a part of the team to execute the plan. The new budget assumes that we collect food waste in the District, and a few additional towns out of district who will pay an additional cost. The food waste will be delivered to Grow Compost, Highfields Center for Composting and Vermont Compost Company.

Items to be looked at before the budget vote:

Advertising

Organics revenue

Professional services

**Approve reducing the per capita to \$2.10 (from \$3.10) effective for Fiscal Year 2011 (12)**

**Mia Moore moved to approve the reduction in per capita rate. It was seconded.**

There was discussion of why the per capita and not the surcharge may be lowered. Bill Powell explained that the FOC did not look at surcharge because lowering it would impact the budget much more than the per capita. CVSWMMD's \$3.10 per capita is high compared to other District's and there is hope that towns thinking of withdrawing will see the changes the District is trying to make. **The motion to approve the reduction passed unanimously.**

**Warn May agenda item (13)**

Leesa Stewart explained that after Northfield's vote an item will appear on the May agenda per Charter requirement regarding the continuation of the District.

**Roundtable and announcements (14)**

Anita Krauth - Middlesex will be happy about the lowered per capita.

Mia Moore - welcomed new members and congratulated Leesa

Charlie Morse – Northfield has been meeting with Leesa

Fred Thumm – acknowledged Janice again for all of her work for the District

Paul Fixx – wanted to know what the roundtable was all about

Gerhard Postpischil – Bradford may be withdrawing

Bill Powell – thanked the board and staff and congratulated Leesa

Ginny Callan – thanked staff and welcomed Leesa

Matt Levin – wanted an update on Barre Town – Thumm said an item to withdraw is not on the ballot next week but they could revisit later. Levin also asked the other members if staff could sit at the table with them during meetings. They agreed.

**Adjourn – 8:00 p.m.**

**Prepared by:**