

**Minutes of the CVSWMD Board and Executive Board of Supervisors**

**October 7, 2009**

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

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Town</b>	<b>4/09</b>	<b>5/09</b>	<b>6/09</b>	<b>9/09</b>	<b>10/09</b>
Micheli, S	Barre City					
Wolfe, N (alt)	Barre City	√	√	√	√	√
Thumm, F	Barre Town		√	√		√
Mitchell, J (alt)	Barre Town					√
Levin, M	Berlin	√	√	√		√
Postpischil, G	Bradford	√	√	√	√	√
Eno, R.D.	Cabot	√	√	√	√	√
Powell, W	Calais	√	√	√	√	√
Gould, S	Chelsea	√	√	√	√	√
Lembke, M (alt)	Chelsea					
Callan, G	E. Montpelier	√	√	√	√	√
vacant	Hardwick	√				
Sills, P	Marshfield					
Krauth, A	Middlesex	√	√		√	√
Moore, M	Montpelier	√	√			
Hooper, A (alt)	Montpelier					
White, F.	Northfield	√	√		√	√
Cattaneo, L	Orange	√	√			√
Walrafen, J CHAIR	Plainfield	√	√	√	√	√
D'Amico, G	Roxbury	√	√	√	√	
vacant	Strafford					
vacant	Tunbridge					
Lynaugh, B	Walden					
vacant	Washington					
vacant	Williamstown					
vacant	Woodbury					

Others in attendance – Donna Barlow Casey, Leesa Stewart, Mia Roethlein, Barb Baird (District Staff)

Peter Anthony – District Treasurer

**Janice Walrafen called the meeting to order at 6:40 (1)**

**Agenda Revisions (2)**

Walrafen asked to add an agenda item – 5b – to add a new member to the Executive Board.

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

Household hazardous waste collections are done for the season. Green cones are available for sale at our office - \$72.50 includes tax. Please call extension 105 to order.

**Resolutions (4)**

Janice Walrafen read the following resolutions into the official record:

WHEREAS, the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District wishes to note and honor the contributions made to our region by Tod Delaricheliere, former CVSWMD Vice-Chairperson and Hardwick Board Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Tod served the District in many capacities during multiple terms of appointment to our organization, demonstrating strong leadership skills as a member of various committees; and

WHEREAS, Tod was a supporter of staff work and their contribution to achieving the goals of the District; and

WHEREAS, Tod was a significant contributor to pivotal program and policy decisions of the CVSWMD particularly those programmatic efforts that involved organic materials diversion from waste; and

WHEREAS, Tod is known as a board member whose direct and forthright manner enhance his efforts to see the District's mission and goals achieved.

WE, the BOARD SUPERVISORS for the CVSWMD hereby demonstrate and acknowledge our appreciation for his contributions and commitment to high standards and strong environmental values by proclaiming our appreciation for all he has accomplished through this resolution, on this, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009.

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WHEREAS, the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District wishes to note and honor the contributions made to Zero Waste management in our region by Lydia Menendez, the District's Special Programs Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Lydia has decided to leave the District to pursue other professional and personal interests; and

WHEREAS, Lydia has been instrumental in the development of organics diversion programming to the point where we stand upon a threshold of full scale implementation of noteworthy programming in which Zero Waste principles are clearly integrated; and

WHERAS, Lydia has been our “face” to organics customers, and has spent many hours investing in the development of those critical customer relationships on behalf of the District; and

WHERAS, Lydia has invested significant personal effort in ensuring that the work she has done has met high standards, embraces Zero Waste principles;

WE, the BOARD SUPERVISORS for the CVSWMD express our appreciation for her dedicated service through adoptions of the RESOLUTION and wish her success in graduate school and all other new pursuits.

#### **Consent Agenda (5)**

- Adopt minutes of the September 2, 2009 Board meeting
- Accept minutes of the September 16 Executive Board meeting
- Accept Financial Statements for period ending September 30, 2009

**Fred White moved the consent agenda. It was seconded.** Gerhard Postpischil stated that the reuse building he spoke about in the last roundtable was built by volunteers in Fairlee, not Bradford but that Bradford would like some cooperation from the District to do the same thing. Donna Barlow Casey described the cost at the depots by weight and size of bags.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **New member to Executive Board (5b)**

Janice Walrafen appointed Ginny Callan of East Montpelier to the Executive Board. The appointment was supported by the full Board.

#### **Ratify the Chairperson’s Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee on Gasification (6)**

**R.D. Eno moved the list of members for the Ad Hoc Gasification Committee to include Janice Walrafen, Gerhard Postpischil, Bill Powell, Ginny Callan, Steve Gould and Fred Thumm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

#### **Discuss Solid Waste Implementation Plan revisions and refer to Gasification Committee. (7)**

Through a straw poll  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Board favored looking at revising Chapters 6 & 14 with stronger and simpler language. The newly formed Gasification Committee will be addressing and working on the changes.

#### **Agree to support the creation of a Statewide Solid Waste Council (8)**

Donna Barlow Casey described the concept, adding that things could change. She is looking for Board support and answered questions. Pros and cons were discussed along with the fact that progression of the council would be closely monitored. **Anita Krauth moved to support the creation of a Statewide Solid Waste Council. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Discuss proposed FY 2011 Budget and public process including per capita rate (9)**

Bill Powell reported on the idea of raising the per capita from \$3.10 to \$5.10 which would be a stop gap for a year or the District could stop operating the depots by February and the per capita would stay the same. The Financial Oversight Committee and Executive Board made no votes on the subject to date. Lots of outreach needs to be done. If the District stops subsidizing the depots it would try to help transition towns to other options. Janice Walrafen suggested Board members go to their Selectboards to discuss options. There will be a public hearing on November 4 from 6:30-7:30. An RFP will go out to haulers to gauge whether any of them could take up business if towns decided to not fund their own depots. There was discussion about getting information to out to the public via television and radio.

**Committee Reports (10)**

**Financial Oversight Committee**

Bill Powell answered questions about what was in the packet. The FOC did not have a quorum at the meeting right before this one.

**Program Oversight Committee**

Fred Thumm stated that staff needs to be immunized before any sort can be done. Ginger may do a small sort on her own. The POC is not asking for funds to immunize at this point.

**Authorize contract with District Director for Calendar Year 2010 (11)**

**Fred White moved to authorize the contract and the motion was seconded.**

**Gerhard Postpischil moved to go into Executive Session for contract discussions at 9:29.**

**The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. R.D. Eno moved to exit Executive Session at 9:45. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**The main motion, to authorize the Executive Director's contract, passed unanimously.**

**Executive Session(s) as needed (12)**

**Round Table and Announcements (13)**

Anita Krauth – there is a lot of talent around the table, thanked the staff too.

Fred Thumm – Board members need to get on their town's Selectboard agendas in a timely fashion.

Janice Walrafen – this is a talented Board who can work together to move forward.

Gerhard Postpischil – stories about an African telecommunications company and an expensive humidifier.

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