

Minutes of the CVSWMD Board and Executive Board of Supervisors

November 4, 2009

amended

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:

Representative	Town	4/09	5/09	6/09	9/09	10/09	10/21/9	11/09
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, Bob Freeman, Candy Demers, Ted Coles, Barb Baird (District Staff)

Peter Anthony – District Treasurer

Ray Jennett – Mudgett, Jennett and Krogh-Wisner

There was a public hearing on the proposed FY 2011 Budget options from 6:30-7:30 (1)

Janice Walrafen called the Board meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. (2)

Agenda Revisions (3)

None

Public Comment Period and Announcements (4)

Donna Barlow Casey thanked everyone who came to the public hearing. The Northfield depot and our offices will be closed on Wednesday Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day. Bob Freeman, long-time depot employee, addressed the Board saying that collecting for recycling at the depots is more difficult than anticipated. There are no gatehouses, staff are sometimes solo and can't be at all the areas at the depot at once, and jobs like making sure the cardboard is stacked to benefit the space can't be done as effectively.

Resolution (5)

Janice Walrafen read the following resolution into the record:

WHEREAS, the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District wishes to note and honor the contributions made to Organics Diversion in our region's schools by Kate Clemente, the District's School Outreach Person for Organics Programming; and

WHEREAS, Kate is leaving the District to pursue other professional and personal interests; and

WHEREAS, Kate was integral in training thousands of students in food scrap diversion; and

WHEREAS, Kate's quiet demeanor and careful work have helped us be able to offer all our K-12 schools the opportunity to participate in our program;

WE, the BOARD SUPERVISORS for the CVSWMD express our appreciation for dedicated service through adoption of this resolution.

Lee Cattaneo moved to adopt the resolution. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda (6)

- Adopt minutes of the October 7 and 21, 2009 Board meetings
- Accept minutes of the October 28 Executive Board meeting
- Accept Financial statements for period ending October 31, 2009

R.D. Eno moved the consent agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

FY 2009 Audit Presentation (7)

Ray Jennett discussed the draft audit and answered questions. A final copy will be made available.

Periodic Review of FY 2010 Financials (8)

Leesa Stewart answered questions.

Amend the FY 2010 Budget (9)

Leesa Stewart discussed the amendment to the budget as presented in the packet. She also said that the budget would have to be amended again in February as the last Household Hazardous Waste collection was very costly and there is still some HHW at Wilson that needs to go. Stewart said the Board could either amend the budget tonight with the FOC's current request or wait until Feb. to include the HHW piece.

R.D. Eno moved to amend the FY 2010 budget as recommended by the Financial Oversight Committee. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion of charging community operated depots for recycling tip fees (10)

Janice Walrafen stated that on page 4 of the packet – notes on the agenda item #10 it should read, “The District would continue to *haul* for free” not *collect*.

Steve Gould said that he spoke to the Chelsea Selectboard and they agreed to the resolution with some stipulations.

Steve Gould moved that the resolution proposed by the Financial Oversight Committee on 10-21-2009 move forward with a starting date of January 1st instead of December 1st with tipping fees limited to cardboard and recycling. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Update on FY 2011 Budget Process (11)

Janice Walrafen stated that there was talk of an extra full Board meeting on Nov. 18 but it is not necessary at this time.

Briefing on public comments received at office – Secretary to Board

Barb Baird reported no comments on the budget however a few callers requested the information. There were many calls about charging for recycling. Callers didn't seem so upset with raising the price of trash because of the economy. However, they were upset about the charging for recycling. Some would rather see the price of trash go even higher than have to pay for recycling.

Reports from meetings with Communities

Board representatives were asked to take both budget options to their town's Selectboard to discuss what they would prefer. Not all have met yet but so far towns willing to support the foundational budget are: Barre City, Barre Town, Chelsea, East Montpelier and Middlesex. Towns who prefer status quo with a per capita raise are Cabot, Calais and Roxbury.

Update on Depot RFP process

Leesa and Mia met with interested haulers and had a productive meeting. RFP responses are due at the District office by 4 p.m. on Friday, November 13. The responses will stay sealed until that time. Leesa will try to get information on the responses to the Board members as soon as she can.

Committee Reports (12)

Financial Oversight Committee – Bill Powell said he doesn't have more to say than what was in the packet.

Program Oversight Committee – Did not meet due to illnesses.

Ad Hoc Committee on Gasification – Janice Walrafen announced that Ginny Callan has been named Chair of the committee. Callan reported that the committee had its first meeting and they

discussed the rewriting of some wording in the Solid Waste plan and possibly adding a chapter on emerging technologies.

Round Table and Announcements (13)

Gerhard Postpischil – shared story about an emission free locomotive that runs on auto batteries.

Ginny Callan – suggested the District conduct exit interviews with board members who resign.

Anita Krauth – Wheels for Warmth went well. Reiterated that Middlesex does not want a per capita increase.

Janice Walrafen – Hopes Fred Thumm’s wife, Jeanne, feels better soon.

Mia Moore – thanked staff and commended RD for going to the Cabot depot to talk to residents.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35

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