

# Minutes of the CVSWMD Board and Executive Board of Supervisors

December 2, 2009

**approved**

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>4/09</b>	<b>5/09</b>	<b>6/09</b>	<b>9/09</b>	<b>10/09</b>	<b>10/21/9</b>	<b>11/09</b>	<b>12/09</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, B	Calais	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	
Brabant, J (alt)	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								

Donna Barlow Casey, Leesa Stewart, Mia Roethlein, Ted Coles, Peter Anthony, Barb Baird – CVSWMD

David Delcore – Times Argus

Kathleen Lott – Northfield News

Charlie Morse – Northfield Selectboard

Rob Lewis – Hardwick Town Manager.

**Janice Walrafen called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. (1)**

**Agenda Revisions (2)**

Gerry D'Amico asked to move item #8, update on depot RFP process, to 5b. Janice Walrafen asked to move item #9, committee reports to 4b.

**Public Comments and Announcements (3)**

Leesa Stewart reported on \$11,000 in outstanding surcharge money that came to the District.

Mia Roethlein shared that 72 businesses and schools are now participating in the organics program and that the number will rise to 92 come summer.

Charlie Morse of the Northfield Selectboard asked the Board to wait one year before making any decisions about the depots.

**Consent Agenda (4)**

- Adopt minutes of the November 4, 2009 Board meeting
- Accept minutes of the November 18, 2009 Executive Board meeting
- Accept financial statements for period ending November 30, 2009

**Fred White moved the consent agenda. It was seconded.** Changes in wording to November 4 full Board minutes were made under “Discussion of charging community operated depots for recycling tip fees.” The motion now reads, *Steve Gould moved that the resolution proposed by the Financial Oversight Committee on 10-21-2009 move forward with a starting date of January 1<sup>st</sup> instead of December 1<sup>st</sup> with tipping fees limited to cardboard and recycling. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.* **The motion to adopt the consent agenda with that change passed unanimously.**

**Committee Reports (4b)**

Financial Oversight Committee

- Increase hauler licensing fees

Mia Moore – the committee discussed the depot RFP’s results and what traits they would want in a new Administrative Manager.

**Ginny Callan moved to endorse the staff and FOC’s recommendation of a fee structure change for haulers of \$100 per hauler and \$10 per vehicle. It was seconded.**

There was discussion of whether this structure would be a major revenue source and if not, some did not want to vote for the motion since the surcharge was raised recently. Leesa Stewart answered questions. **Matt Levin moved to amend the motion for the structure to be set for one year at \$10 per vehicle and revisit the item next year. The amendment was seconded and did not pass with 5 voting for and 7 voting against.** **Mia Moore called the question, it was seconded and passed unanimously.** **The main motion passed with 7 voting for and 5 against.**

Program Oversight Committee

- Materials flow project update

Fred Thumm stated that the sort has been delayed until May and that the grant work is due by June.

Ad Hoc Committee on Gasification

Ginny Callan reported that they had a good meeting and that there is new draft wording. They are working on how to define an industry whose name frequently changes.

#### **Adopt FY 2009 audit (5)**

**Fred White moved to adopt the FY 2009 audit. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

#### **Update on depot RFP process (5b)**

- Authorize staff to negotiate privatization of depots

**Nancy Wolfe moved to authorize staff to proceed in formal negotiations with Earth Waste Systems. The motion was seconded.**

Leesa Stewart answered questions from Board members. Some expressed concerns about details.

Who own the recycling?

What about the capital investments in the District's depot equipment?

Who manages the contacts? The towns?

How will the Bradford depot change?

Will staff look at other options?

What about the District's line of credit?

Staff replied that the details are not worked out yet - that they are just asking for the Board to authorize them to start negotiations with Earth Waste.

Peter Anthony spoke about the District's line of credit. He said that he, Donna and Leesa met with Northfield Savings Bank. He reminded everyone that this is not something that happened suddenly and that the Board had been appraised to both the issue of the line of credit and the depots being the District's primary drain on cash flow. The District's budget information was given to the bank and now that the audit has been adopted, that will be sent too. Anthony was not confident that the line of credit would be renewed.

After more discussion **Fred Thumm called the question and it was seconded and passed unanimously. The main motion passed with Orange voting against.**

#### **Adopt a FY 2011 budget approach (6)**

**Fred White moved to adopt the current budget approach. The motion was seconded.** There was much discussion on both proposed budget approaches, what towns would like to see happen, and how the Zero Waste plan fits into the approaches.

**Gerry D'Amico moved to table the motion on adopting the current budget approach. The motion was seconded and passed with a majority vote.**

#### **Adopt a FY 2011 per capita fee (7)**

**Lee Cattaneo moved to keep the per capita rate at \$3.10 for fiscal year 2011. It was seconded.**

The lengthy discussion led back to the budget approach discussions.

**Ginny Callan called the question - it was seconded and passed with 1 nay from Cabot.**

**The main motion passed with 8 voting for and 5 against.**

**Mia Moore moved that the Board adopt the foundational budget approach and that it be a weighted vote. It was seconded.**

After much discussion Nancy Wolfe called the question, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

**The main motion passed with Barre City, Barre Town, Berlin, Calais, Chelsea, East Montpelier, Middlesex, and Montpelier voting for (total of 39) and Bradford, Cabot, Northfield, Orange and Roxbury voting against (total of 13).**

**Set a January Board meeting date (8)**

**Matt Levin moved that the Board warn meetings for January 13 and 27 at 6:30 to discuss privatizing depots. It was seconded and passed unanimously.**

**Roundtable and Announcements (9)**

Gerhard Postpischil shared a story about a hospital sign on Long Island.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.**

**Prepared by:**