

Meeting of the
Financial Oversight Committee and Program Oversight Committee
Of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District
AT the ARCC, 540 N. Main Street, Barre VT
Monday, October 27, 2014
6 PM – 8 PM

APPROVED MINUTES:

- 1) **Convene meeting:** At 6:02 PM, Fred Thumm convened the meeting with FOC members Bill Powell and Steve Micheli attending, along with Lee Cattaneo (POC), Gerhard Postpischil (POC), Cathleen Gent, Carl Witke and Leesa Stewart. Cathleen Gent took notes.
- 2) **Agenda Revisions:** There were no agenda revisions.
- 3) **Report – Recent Surveys:** Cathleen Gent presented information about four surveys that have been conducted since August. Those surveys include: food scrap generators not currently participating in the CVSWMD program, a stakeholder survey, an ARCC customers survey, and a general social media survey about the ARCC and a facility.
- 4) **Report – Vermont Infrastructure Advisory Committee:** Leesa Stewart briefly reviewed the draft “SWIAC Recommendations” packet document and updated the FOC that there is not a lot of optimism from the district representatives on the committee about funding from the legislature this coming session. She added that CVSWMD and several districts see a clear need for funding to implement Act 148 requirements. The FOC and POC members discussed needs for specific materials, like leaf and yard waste and composting, with respect to siting and facilities.
- 5) **Review POC recommendations for new facility:** Cathleen Gent and Lee Cattaneo reviewed the recommendations made by the POC earlier this month. The POC established three categories, with Category 1 representing the minimum recommendation (mandated recyclables, corrugated cardboard, clean wood, C&D, E waste, leaf and yard waste “chip and ship”, food waste collection), and two separate buildings for public drop off and for trucks. Category 2 includes Category 1 items plus boutique ARCC items. Category 3 includes Category 1 plus Category 2, plus a compost facility and a leaf and yard waste processing area, as well as a building for trucks. The POC recommended Category 2 and asked the FOC to discuss whether to include Category 3.
- 6) **POC/FOC discussion about new facility:** The FOC and members of the POC discussed forms of subsidy for the facility, the income potential, the challenges of having only one food composter in central Vermont, and the preferred location of the household hazardous waste operation. The FOC also discussed bonding requirements and municipal lease options, including public-private partnerships. Micheli said he would like to know where the site is located when thinking through the options for a facility.
- 7) **Recommendation to the full Board of Supervisors:** Motion made by Bill Powell, seconded by Steve Micheli, to move the staff proposal (Category 3) forward to the Board of Supervisors for discussion at the November 8th retreat. The FOC and POC members then discussed potential sites in the region.
- 8) **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM