



**Minutes: Public hearing on the CVSWMD Draft Preliminary FY26 Budget  
Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

CVSWMD General Manager Theron Lay-Sleeper started the public hearing at 6:05 PM with one attendee present. Barre City representative Amy Galford attended.

Lay-Sleeper presented the draft budget, noting proposed increases in the per capita assessment from \$1 to \$1.25 and per ton waste surcharge from \$30 to \$33. The per capita assessment has been level since 2014 and the per ton surcharge has been level since 2009. These increases are necessary to fund the District's programs and services, and represent 88% of projected District revenues for FY26 combined.

Galford asked about how the municipal assessment was assessed. Lay-Sleeper explained that the per capita assessments are based on the most recent census data and/or Vermont Department of Health intercensal estimates, and are billed annually at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Galford asked about the host town agreement with the Town of Berlin for hosting the new facility. Lay-Sleeper noted that that agreement includes a payment in lieu of taxes based on the going tax rate for the property and a waiver of the per capita assessment for the duration of the agreement. The CVSWMD General Manager will be meeting with the Berlin Select Board annually to discuss the agreement and ongoing operations. Galford asked about what happens to revenue surplus. Lay-Sleeper noted that while surplus generally goes to the general fund, this budget proposes putting any surplus revenue to the capital improvement fund for maintenance and repairs to the new property.

Lay-Sleeper also noted that District staff are pursuing additional grant funding sources, and will continue to refine the budget throughout the fiscal year.

No public comments were received to date.

At 6:25 PM, Lay-Sleeper ended the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Theron Lay-Sleeper, General Manager