



**Minutes: Public hearing to include the CVSWMD Eco Depot in the 2020 SWIP  
Wednesday, August 28, 2024, 6:00 p.m.**

CVSWMD General Manager Theron Lay-Sleeper started the public hearing at 6:00 PM with three attendees present. Washington Board Representative Peter Carbee and Barre City alternate Peter Anthony attended.

Lay-Sleeper presented the plans for the facility and explained how the addition of the facility would help CVSWMD programs meet the requirements laid out in CVSWMD's 2020 Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). He also noted that the facility would help control costs associated with large one-day events and increase safety controls and the level of service for residents and businesses.

Pat (attendee) noted that they often attend the CVSWMD Additional Recyclables Collections Center and were in support of the new facility and thought it was a great idea to provide household hazardous waste services year-round.

Peter Anthony asked about the host town agreement with the Town of Berlin. Lay-Sleeper noted that CVSWMD will be making payments in lieu of taxes to the Town of Berlin and waiving their per-capita surcharge for the duration of the host town agreement.

He also asked about satellite collections. Lay-Sleeper noted that the facility is sited between CVSWMD's largest population centers (Montpelier and Barre), and that CVSWMD will continue to provide annual one-day satellite collections in Bradford, Hardwick, and Tunbridge.

He also asked about the operating budget for the new facility and how it compares to the current operating budget. Lay-Sleeper explained that operating expenses related to household hazardous waste collections are expected to decrease, but that there are many factors in play such as participation rate at the new facility. Rent will no longer need to be paid to house the Additional Recyclables Collection Center, and flood-cleanup activities over the past couple years has been expensive. With the new facility outside of flood danger zones, CVSWMD will be more prepared to offer assistance to flood-affected member communities in the future.

At 6:34 Lay-Sleeper ended the meeting.