

Minutes
NWSWD Board of Supervisors Meeting
August 12, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District held its regular board meeting on Wednesday August 12, 2015 at the District Offices, 158 Morse Drive Georgia, VT at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Bill Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Supervisors Present:

David Clark, Fletcher
Richards Jim, No. Hero
John Lawrence, Grand Isle
Terry Anderson, Isle La Motte
Barry Kade, Montgomery

Bill Rowe, So. Hero
James Lintereur, Bakersfield
Vincent Hickey, Berkshire
Dave Supernault, Sheldon
Jaimie Tibbits, Fairfield

Supervisors Absent:

Amy Mashtare, Alburgh
Mary Robinson, Richford
Paul Lambert, Montgomery
Adam Paxman, Swanton
Al Voegele, St. Albans Town

Others Present:

John Leddy, Executive Director
Pam Bolster, Business Manager

Guests:

Deb Markowitz, Secretary of VT
Agency of Natural Resources
Josh Kelly, Materials Management
Section Chief

Introductions were made from the board to the board meeting guests and as well to the new board member, North Hero Representative Jim Richards.

- 1) Agenda Review:** Agenda reviewed with one addition under new business, a discussion of the resignation of the St. Albans City Representative Bill Cioffi.
- 2) VOTE:** Minutes of the June 3, 2015 Board Meeting: Dave Supernault made a motion to accept the minutes with one spelling correction as written. Mr. Kade seconded, all were in favor and the motion passed. Ms. Anderson and Mr. Richards abstained as they were not at that meeting.
- 3) Guest Presentation: Secretary of the VT Agency of Natural Resources, Deb Markowitz:** Ms. Markowitz and Josh Kelly discussed Universal Recycling and explained that they were there to listen rather than

present, looking for direct feedback on the implementation from the Districts. She stated that they considered the NW VT Solid Waste Management District one of the "star districts". A discussion ensued including but not limited to, organics collection, general recycling, funds to assist in implementation, logistics, diversion, public response, hauler services, variable rate pricing/unit based pricing or pay as you throw, enforcement, education, bottle bills, and the general challenges and successes of the law and its implementation. Board members asked good questions and many insightful suggestions were shared.

4) Old Business:

a) Director's Report:

Mr. Leddy directed the board to his director's report. Mr. Leddy began by informing the district that Green Mountain Power had been in contact with us again about the anaerobic digester in St. Albans letting the District know that they will be applying for a certificate of public good in relation to this project. Mr. Leddy informed them they would need to be included in the District's Implementation plan and what they would need to provide us with for this to occur. A discussion occurred. This would require board approval.

Mr. Leddy touched upon the busyness of the season and the volume of material flowing through. He discussed the HHW events and the increase in HHW traffic at our Georgia facility. A brief discussion of space constraints occurred. He discussed composting, the addition to our composting route, the upcoming season and our current collections.

Mr. Leddy discussed current personnel issues and the fact that we are now working seemingly so far successfully by utilizing an employment agency.

Mr. Leddy noted the on-going development of a health and safety plan for the district.

b) Financial Reports:

i) **Review FY15 Final Profit & Loss Statement:** Ms. Bolster asked the board to pull out the Pre-Audit Profit and Loss for the FY15 Fiscal Year. Ms. Bolster reviewed the FY15 P&L line by line. Income was up; as well expenses for the year, primarily due to towns joining the district after the budget had been finalized. The district came in at appx. 45K over what had been planned for surplus for the FY15 Fiscal Year. A brief review of the balance sheet which will reflect some changes after Ms. Bolster completes final audit entries for the year. All in all another solid year for the district with increases in direct services to the residents.

- ii) **Review FY16 July Reports.** A brief discussion on the first month of the FY16 Fiscal Year. Emphasis on problem accounts and collection efforts were discussed.

c) Committee Updates:

- i) Administration Committee Meeting – discussed pre employment physicals, comp time, medical benefit analysis. next meeting scheduled for August 31, 2015.
- ii) Executive Committee Meeting – Did not have quorum so it was an unofficial meeting.

5) New Business:

- a) **Vote: Swip Adoption: Does the Board adopt the SWIP as pre-approved by the state?** Mr. Lintereur moved that the board adopt the SWIP as pre-approved by the state. Mr. Supernault seconded the motion. A brief discussion occurred. No input was given by the public from the two public hearings that have been held. A voice vote was taken, all were in favor and the motion passed without opposition.
- b) **Discussion: The resignation of the St. Albans City Representative.** The importance of the service of Mr. Cioffi-The Founding Member of The District and Districts in general, who recently gave his resignation to the board, was stated passionately by numerous board members. A discussion ensued about how to recognize this service. Ms. Bolster will make some plans and present it to the board.

6) Other Business: None

8:55 PM - Full Board Adjourns.