

Minutes
NWSWD Operations Committee Meeting
March 9, 2016

The Operations Committee of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District held a scheduled meeting on Wednesday March 9, 2016 at the District Offices, 158 Morse Drive Georgia, VT at 5:30 PM.

Committee Chairman Barry Kade called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Supervisors Present:

Barry Kade, Montgomery
Al Voegele, St. Albans Town
Dave Supernault, Sheldon
Bill Rowe, So. Hero

Supervisors Absent:

Terry Anderson, Isle La Motte

Others Present:

Carlo Micheli, Swanton
Ben Lowell, Highgate
Dave Bennion, Franklin
Tim Green, Richford

John Leddy, Executive Director
Pam Bolster, Business Manager

Guests:

1) Review Truck Purchase & Vote: Review Options offered to the NWSWD and vote to approve the purchase of a new truck with a lift gate.

Mr. Leddy handed out a spreadsheet showing the truck options available and explored by NWSWD. Discussion about the options ensued. District staff recommend the 2014 Used Freightliner M2-106, 26' Straight Body Commercial Grade Box Truck with a Lift Gate w/ approximately 24K miles from R.R. Charlebois. Price of this truck is 80K.

Ms. Bolster explained the financial options for this purchase. The District could extend our existing business with Peoples Trust initialized with the purchase of the Caterpillar Truck currently at 3% interest. By rewriting the loan we would maintain the 3 years left on the current loan and there would be a reduction in the interest to 2.35%, quarterly payments would increase. The other financing option explored was through Charlebois who finances through Daimler. The municipal interest rate with them is 4.65%. District staff recommends financing 40K and paying the balance appx. 40K from our capital maintenance reserves of \$130K bring that balance down to 90K.

VOTE: Mr. Voegele made the motion to recommend to the full board the purchase the 2014 Used Freightliner Truck as recommended by District Staff, financing 40K from Peoples Trust by adding to the existing business loan at 2.35%, and funding the balance from our capital maintenance funds. Mr. Supernault seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

2) Discussion – Updates from staff regarding future operations of the NWSWD and begin planning for infrastructure improvements, purchases, and operational changes necessary to achieve our goals.

Mr. Leddy noted the results of a recent safety audit and that operational improvements have been a big topic within the District for the last 6 months. He stated the district has broken it down into three separate area's: 1. Georgia Recycling Facility, 2. Drop Off Sites, and 3. Composting/Food Scrap Collection. Main goals include a strong focus on safety and improved operations for efficiency. Discussions of traffic flow, commodity processing, material storage, additional land and more. Mr. Leddy explained that the District would like to bring in consulting engineers and designers to help us lay things out for improvements that are needed. A wrap around driveway was discussed, an additional loading bay, the movement of our HHW area, reducing our sorting/baling processes and more. Further discussion and evaluation to occur.

3) Discussion – Survey/Questionnaire regarding food scraps to be handed out at drop-off facilities.

Mr. Leddy explained the state required survey, explained that we had them available at Town Meetings, have sent them to our Drop Off Sites and as well pushed it out electronically. A discussion ensued about additional questions, additional thoughts on where to collect the information etc. Mr. Leddy explained that by 2017 haulers have to offer a food scrap service to their customers. There are questions about the feasibility of this, options are being explored. Mr. Kade felt polling haulers would be beneficial with some additional questions. A discussion ensued. District Staff is discussing a Pilot Project for residential food scrap pick up concentrating on urban areas such as St. Albans. Charges will apply. There is a grant available from ANR which the District would apply for to help implement this. The District would utilize our staff and truck for this endeavor. Currently we collect 20 tons of food waste a month. Further organics discussion will occur. The District will review the current data on the questions asked and we will consider based on that an additional questionnaire as suggested by Mr. Kade.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:30PM