

Minutes
NWSWD Board of Supervisors Meeting
June 1, 2016

The Board of Supervisors of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District held its regular board meeting on Wednesday June 1, 2016 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:

Terry Anderson, Isle La Motte
David Clark, Fletcher
Vincent Hickey, Berkshire
Barry Kade, Montgomery
Ben Lowell, Highgate
Tim Green, Richford
Bill Rowe, So. Hero
Al Voegele, St. Albans Town

Jim Richards, No. Hero
Carlo Micheli, Swanton
Jaime Tibbits, Fairfield
Dave Supernault, Sheldon

Supervisors Absent:

Paul Lambert, Georgia
John Lawrence, Grand Isle
Dave Bennion, Franklin
Amy Mashtare, Alburgh
James Lintereur, Bakersfield

Others Present:

John Leddy, Executive Director

Guests:

Thomas Reynolds – Member of
Public

1) Agenda Review: Nothing to add or change.

2) VOTE: Minutes of the April 6, 2016 Board Meeting: Mr. Clark moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Richards seconded. All were in favor and the minutes passed without opposition. Abstentions from Mr. Supernault who was not at the meeting and from Mr. Kade who had not reviewed the minutes are noted.

3) Old Business:

a) Director's Report:

Mr. Leddy directed the board members to the director's report. Mr. Leddy reported a continued overall increase in HHW services. In composting news Mr. Leddy informed the board that the District has received a grant from the state to assist in a residential food scrap

program. The District will formally announce this on the web site. Reporting for the SWIP has begun and staff is pulling together the information for this report. Drop Off Sites have made the switch to a dual sort model and the transition was fairly smooth. Mr. Leddy stated that the last batch of sorted plastic has been sold. He reported to the board that some board members visited the Georgia facility and gave opinions on how to best utilize the space both inside and out. He stated that an RFP will be put together for consultation on this. Mr. Leddy again gave an invitation to other board members to visit during working hours to view the actual operations to enable them to have good input on any potential restructure.

Mr. Kade asked about community garden involvement in composting. Discussion ensued.

A brief discussion about the issues the District is experiencing with the Caterpillar truck ensued. Some preliminary numbers on a trade were gathered from Charlebois on a new truck and were reviewed. District staff will continue to gather information and monitor the issues with the Cat.

Mr. Leddy reviewed with the board a possibility for the Bakersfield site to be moved to a gravel pit, suggested by the town. There are potential land owner issues with this site and the search continues. Board discussion.

b) Financial Reports:

Mr. Leddy reported (as Ms. Bolster is on vacation) that the profit and loss is not complete in some areas due to timing, particularly surcharges on the income side. Mr. Leddy reviewed some highlights of the P&L on both the income and expense side. He noted to the board that we should come in above the anticipated surplus giving us some capital maintenance funds as well as reserve funds. Ms. Anderson asked if the grant for residential composting services would affect the FY17 budget? Mr. Leddy responded that yes we will be revisiting the budget. Discussion about the composting program occurred.

A discussion of how the dual stream sort will affect the budget ensued.

Mr. Leddy explained the situation with Mylan Technologies and their incineration tonnage. Board discussion.

4) New Business:

Mr. Supernault asked on behalf of residents of Sheldon what the plan is for the property in Sheldon. After board discussion, there are no current plans for the property however the District will re-certify the property for potential land fill use in the future.

6) Other Business:

a) Committee Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Leddy requested a meeting of the operations committee to assist in the RFP process for consultation on the possible re-structure of District operations. He noted the RFP has been started but not completed and would like the assistance of the Ops Committee in finalizing this. Mr. Rowe asked about a due date on this project. Discussion ensued. A meeting will be scheduled by email.

A discussion about a possible administration committee meeting occurred and will be scheduled in the near future to discuss "Ban The Box" and "mandatory sick leave for part time employees".

Discussion occurred about establishing a chair for each committee as currently only one committee has a chair. Mr. Leddy suggested a committee meeting for each committee prior to our August board meeting to determine any outstanding issues and to find a leader (chair) for each.

7) Public Comment:

Mr. Thomas Reynolds, resident of Georgia, prior employee of the District took the floor. He had a written statement and handed out a packet to each board member. He requested the board to read through his packet. He stated he planned on pursuing this as an employment discrimination case. Mr. Reynolds requested accountability for statements made about him during a workman's compensation hearing and appeal as well as during his termination appeal hearing. He noted the hiring of Attorney Phil Woodward by VLCT to represent The District and VLCT in his potential employment discrimination case. Mr. Rowe reminded Mr. Reynolds that the District's attorney has made him aware of the fact that all requests and correspondence should go through him. Mr. Rowe stated, we've got your document, we've heard you out, thank you. Mr. Reynolds asked what a respectable time frame was to comply with his request. Mr. Rowe could not answer that question but stated he would talk with the attorney.

Mr. Voegele moved to adjourn, Mr. Supernault seconded, all were in agreement and the meeting adjourned.

Full Board Adjourns 7:58 PM.