

**Minutes
Board of Supervisors
March 06, 2013**

The Board of Supervisors of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday March 06, 2013 in the Board Room at the NWSWD Offices, 158 Morse Drive, Georgia.

Board Chair Bill Rowe called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Supervisors Present:

David Clark, Fletcher
Dave Supernault, Sheldon
Chris Leach, Swanton
Bill Rowe, So. Hero
Paul Lambert, Georgia
Barry Kade, Montgomery

James Lintereur, Bakersfield

Supervisors Absent:

W.G. Cioffi, St. Albans City
David Jacobs, No. Hero
Gary Lockerby, Alburgh
Pierre Letourneau, Enosburg
Terry Anderson, Isle La Motte

Vacant, Fairfield
Vacant, Grand Isle
Vacant, Berkshire
Vacant, Richford

Others Present:

Pam Bolster, Business Manager
John Leddy, Executive Director

1. Minutes of January 09, 2013 Board Meeting:

Vote: Mr. Rowe asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board meeting for January 09, 2013. Mr. Lintereur moved to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. All were in agreement with abstentions from Mr. Leach & Dave Supernault as they were not in attendance, and the motion was passed.

2. Old Business:

a.) Executive Director's Report:

Mr. Leach questioned the status of Moretown Landfill. A brief discussion ensued with Mr. Leddy explaining that Moretown is at capacity. They are still accepting trash but have been shipping it out. He reiterated that the ownership of the landfill has switched hands. They have still been accepting trash but have been shipping some of it out. It is anticipated that they will submit in the next few months a new plan for the new cell.

Mr. Leddy stated that in the past few District Managers Meetings, Act 148 the Solid Waste Bill has been a topic of discussion. There are districts that mandatory recycling is not in place and some of those districts are struggling with this requirement. They are hearing from haulers who are bemoaning the headaches that mandatory recycling will cause them. He stated that although we have this recycling process in place already we will have changes and challenges to face ourselves going forward and must think about ways to assist district haulers. The biggest item on the list is mandatory organic waste collection. Over the next few months Mr. Leddy would like to have further discussions about this. By 2020 the requirement for composting of organics will be in place. A discussion ensued. The law provides loopholes for convenience standards. If we could provide for rural areas, a convenient drop off point, that would satisfy the convenience standards. Mr. Leddy has a good summary of Act 148 which he will send to everyone as well as an article which outlines different tactics called "Taking Control – What Municipalities can do to control solid waste", covering everything from licensing to ordinances to franchising. This law will have effects on our processes in the future. We will have to have collection of leaf and yard waste at our drop off sites if there is no other convenient alternative. Mr. Lambert requested a definition of franchising. Mr. Leddy stated that it is essentially parceling off areas within the district into zones then bidding out each zone separately. Normally it would be included in the tax base of the town. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Leddy explained that in terms of new legislation there has been a bill introduced that has passed the house natural resource committee.

It calls for producer responsibility in regards to all paint, similar to the electronics bill. A discussion occurred.

b.) Finance Report:

Ms. Bolster stated that income is on target. She noted that miscellaneous income is a little over 13K. Mr. Leddy will touch upon that in a discussion to happen after the finance report. Receipts are good for the month. Mr. Clark asked if the recycling income shown is the commodities that we sell. Ms. Bolster explained that this was not, that falls under the account sale of recyclables. Recycling income is the account that holds funds collected for recyclable items that we cannot sell, ones in which we pay to have recycled such as tires, in which we pass on a portion of the cost to the customer. She noted that payments are right on track. Ms. Bolster then spoke about the outstanding receivables. Burns Rubbish, an account with consistent and on-going outstanding invoices is into the District for approximately 20K. In contact with him, he stated that he was in the process of re-financing his house which will enable him to catch up. We received a small check of a little of 4K after this contact but at that point another invoice had been generated again raising the total. Ms. Bolster spoke with him via phone and he stated that his house re-fi did not go through and asked if he could arrange a weekly payment plan with the district in the attempt to bring down his balance. The District has been and will continue to work with him though with stronger enforcement for receipt of funds. Ms. Bolster stated that she will send a letter detailing the expectations that he must adhere to. The idea of a lien was mentioned and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

3. New Business:

- a. Town Meeting Reports / Updates:** Mr. Leddy reported to the board that the Town of St. Albans vote to join the district at town meeting day has passed. He did not have the numbers of the vote at the time. A broad discussion ensued and will continue at the next meeting.

4. Other Business:

- a. Mr. Leddy reported that the logging process at The Districts' Sheldon Property is well under way. He relayed to the board that we have received approximately 13K to date from this and that they are about ½ way through. A discussion ensued.
- b. Mr. Lintereur stated that the changes at the Bakersfield Drop Off Site have Bakersfield residents happy and that he has received great feedback. Mr. Clark reported some complaints at the Fletcher Drop Off Site and stated he would relay further details to Mr. Leddy after the meeting in the effort to save board time for other issues.
- c. Schedule Committee Meetings for the coming month. The administration committee would like to try to meet sometime in March but members needed to check calendars. Ms. Bolster stated she would send an email to the committee to arrange an acceptable date to meet.
- d. Mr. Rowe called for a motion for board members to move into executive session to discuss the director's review. Mr. Lintereur moved to enter into executive session. Mr. Lambert seconded the motion. The group moved into executive session at 8:20 PM. The board came out of executive session at 8:58 PM. Mr. Leach moved to accept the executive director's review as written. The motion was seconded by Jim Lintereur. The motion was carried by voice vote.

5. Public Comment: None

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.