

Minutes

NWSWD Board of Supervisors Meeting

February 27, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District held their regularly scheduled board meeting and Public Hearing for the FY20 Budget on Wednesday February 27, 2018 at the District Offices, 158 Morse Drive Georgia, VT at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Al Voegele called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Supervisors Present:

Terry Anderson, Isle La Motte
David Clark, Fletcher
Tim Green, Richford
Barry Kade, Montgomery
Mike Kemsley, Grand Isle
Paul Lambert, Georgia
Leitz, Tom, St. Albans City

James Lintereur, Bakersfield
Carlo Micheli, Swanton
Jim Richards, No. Hero
Bill Rowe, So. Hero
April St. Francis, Highgate
Jaime Tibbits, Fairfield
Al Voegele, St. Albans Town

Supervisors Absent:

Jennifer Bright, Enosburg
Amy Mashtare, Alburgh
Dave Supernault, Sheldon

Others Present:

John Leddy, Executive Director
Pam Bolster, Business Manager

Guests: None

Full Board Meeting

1) Agenda Review-Additions/Deletions: No Changes, Additions or Deletions.

2) VOTE: Minutes of the December 5, 2018 NWSWD Board Meeting:

Mr. Voegele requested a motion to accept minutes of December 5, 2018 as presented. Mr. Lintereur Made the Motion. Mr. Kade seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed with one spelling correction.

3) Old Business:

a) Directors Report:

Mr. Leddy noted that supervisor's annual reports have been submitted to the towns for inclusion in their town reports.

Mr. Leddy went to Montpelier to discuss solid waste with the legislature. Currently there is not a lot has traction regarding solid waste. They discussed some of the positive changes.

Mr. Leddy noted that we received grant funds to purchase composters, allowing us to offer them at \$30.00.

Mr. Leddy informed the board that our roll off truck hit the building with the box when pulling out. He had not put the box down. There was previous damage to the building. The building was shut due to being structurally unsafe. Our insurance is working with them and has stated that it is difficult to prove prior damage which is a concern for Ms. Bolster's as we could pay for damage that we did not cause. It was all caught on camera which is what Ms. Bolster referred them to to view prior damage as well as the hit. This is not the first time the building has been hit.

Our compost driver as well backed into the building of Dunkin Donuts doing damage to the stucco on the building. Distracted driving was discussed with both drivers. This has been reported to insurance as well.

Battery collection was discussed noting that all drop off sites offer battery collection for all batteries except lead acid which are only collected in Georgia.

Mr. Leddy discussed Green Up Day. When he started with the District we accepted green up day bags free of charge. When Georgia opened services were expanded to accept other items, the road side mattress or tires etc. In 2018, we received green up day trash from some towns, with some bringing over 100 tires. We disposed of over 600 tires, some loader tires. It cost over \$3000.00 for disposal paid for by the District. Changes need to be made due to this cost. Mr. Leddy said some districts offer no green up assistance, some offer some assistance. Options, a predetermined dollar amount per town or we could accept the bag trash only. Discussion ensued, including what towns should do with the tires they pull out of ditches etc., and including the Highgate tire collection situation at Ms. St. Francis' initiation. Mr. Green brought up the concern of whose responsibility is it to clean up road side trash. Discussion ensued. Our community assistance funds were discussed. Decision is to accept green up day bagged trash but no tires or bulky will be paid for by the district. Tires will be accepted at our cost but not for free. Possibly having a designated day for town tires eliminating it from traffic on green up day but have a limit with the District coordinating a pick up if the town wishes. A letter will be sent to every town detailing what we will accept, when and how. This will begin this green up day.

b) Finance Report:

Ms. Bolster began by informing the board that the contract for audit Services for the next three years. She provided the information that

Fothergill provided for pricing for the next three years, \$23,100.00, a total increase of \$1,050 over the course of three years, a little less than 5%. She reviewed the results of the last time they sent RFP's for this service and asked for the boards determination as to whether to RFP for this service for the next three years. After discussion the board deemed that we're required to by our by-laws and for transparency purposes we need to send it out for RPF. Ms. Bolster will initiate.

Financially she noted that we are in really good shape. The February P&L net shows under budget. Included in income is for February is 11,600.00 owed to us from an audit of Gauthier's trucking for an 18 month period. She noted the audit of Wetherby as he will be selling the business. She informed the board of the new owner's lack of contact regarding licensing and that she will follow up. Outstanding AR is minimal, Hannaford shows past due amount for composting services, and explained her contact with Agri-cycle who is going to take care of that payment. She noted the past due of La Casa Burrito and her contact with the owner to arrange for payment.

Income and Expenses are up this year. Everything looks really good. Recycling market has come down slightly, OCC, Paper, and Metal over the last quarter. Ms. Bolster spoke with Hodgkin Brothers who anticipated metal would continue to come down but actually increased in their latest payment by \$30.00. She will continue to watch this. Mr. Green asked about the town of Enosburg's outstanding debt which is over 90 days. She explained that Enosburg historically has been late with this payment. She noted last year having to call and send a letter in order to get response and ultimately a check. She has little worry that this will not be received.

5) New Business:

Jim Lintereur asked for the floor. He announced his resignation from the board after 31 years. He has a replacement, Melissa Dion who will come with him to the April Meeting. He has spoken with the select Board so they are aware of the situation. The District, District Staff and District Board is sorry to see him go.

6) Other Business:

a) Discussion:

Ms. Bolster reminded the board that April is the Annual District Board Election Meeting and reviewed the current open seats,

Mr. Lintereur Made His Last Motion for the Board to Adjourn. All were in favor and the Full Board Adjourned 8:44 PM.