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Board of Supervisors
Quarterly District Meeting
Thursday, April 24, 2014
Springfield Select Board Hall, 3rd Floor, Springfield, Vermont

MINUTES

1. Public Hearing on FY15 Work Plan and Budget

Forrest Randall, Board Chair, called the Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. Tom Kennedy, District Manager, discussed the FY15 Work Plan. Next year the District will get out to bid; the District is now in the second year of a contract with Casella. Act 148 Universal Recycling has a requirement for Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) a.k.a. unit-based pricing, for trash disposal. Discussion ensued as to whether the District should adopt a PAYT ordinance or the individual towns adopt such an ordinance. The District will have to develop a new Materials Management Plan (formerly known as a Solid Waste Implementation Plan or SWIP). Tom Kenyon, representing West Windsor, stated that he would recommend to his Select Board that they adopt a town PAYT ordinance.

Bob Forguites, Board Treasurer, discussed the proposed FY15 Budget. He explained reductions and increases for various line items. The expenses are proposed to total \$197,017.00 and the income is expected total \$197,017.00 for a balanced budget. About \$15,000.00 will need to be taken out of the District's fund balance to make a balanced budget. F. Randall closed the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Board members present included: F. Randall, Joe Fromberger, Cynthia Gibb, Derek Suursoo, Gary DeRosia, Frank Heald, Jeff Slade, and Wayne Wheelock. Also present: T. Kennedy, B. Forguites, Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk, and Matt Priestly of Alva Waste. Nine of thirteen towns in the District were represented and a quorum was established.

3. Approve Minutes of January 23, 2014 Meeting

T. Kenyon made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. C. Gibb noted that she was at the meeting, not Bill Kearns. T. Kenyon accepted her statement as a friendly amendment to his motion. All voted in favor. The motion passed.

4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report

B. Forguites noted that income is at 77.2% at three-quarters of the way through the year. Tip fee is at 73% and expenses are at 69.5% of budget but the household hazardous waste collections are coming up in May. The District will probably come close to breaking even at the end of the fiscal year. On the balance sheet, the District is running a little high at about \$511,000.00 (usually at \$about \$500,000.00. J. Fromberger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee Representatives

F. Randall turned the chairmanship over to B. Forguites to operate the election of Chairman. J. Fromberger nominated Forrest Randall as Chairman. J. Slade seconded the nomination. All voted in favor. F. Randall took over as Chair and asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. D. Suursoo nominated Joe Fromberger as Vice-Chairman. All voted in favor. J. Slade nominated Derek Suursoo, Frank Heald and Gary DeRosia as the three Executive Committee Representatives. All voted in favor. D. Suursoo made a motion to appoint Mary O'Brien as the Clerk and Bob Forguites as the Treasurer. J. Fromberger seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. Discussion and Adoption of FY15 Budget and Work Program

T. Kenyon made a motion to adopt the Budget as proposed. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. B. Forguites noted that the Executive Committee had encouraged the adoption of the FY15 Budget of \$197,017.00. All voted in favor. J. Fromberger made a motion to approve the Work Program as outlined in the Board's previous discussion. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

7. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. T. O'Brien described her recent experiences working with the Agency of Natural Resources employees to clean out science classroom/lab chemicals at two District schools. She hopes to assist with more school chemical cleanouts in the near future.

8. New Business

a. Legislative Report

T. Kennedy discussed the solid waste bill S.208 that passed the Senate but was tripped of a lot of its language when it went to the House.

b. Haulers Meeting on April 17 in Hartland

T. Kennedy discussed Universal Recycling issues that came up at the meeting which was attended by about 40 people. He noted that the Addison County solid waste district has a contract with an Albany, New York company that charges \$5/ton. Addison County consolidates and compacts its recycling. Haulers asked if the District could provide a consolidation site. T. Kennedy stated that Wheelabrator is actively trying to sell its incinerator. M. Priestly stated his understanding of the difficulties facing haulers with the mandates of Universal Recycling, especially collecting recyclables at no extra charge – essentially doing twice the work.

9. Old Business – none

10. At 7:07 p.m., J. Fromberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
Board Clerk

The next quarterly District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., same location.