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

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Forrest Randall called for additions to the agenda. Tom Kennedy asked to add “A Discussion on Act 148.”

1. Roll Call

Board members present included: F. Randall, Joe Fromberger, Cynthia Gibbs, Gary DeRosia, Frank Heald, Tom Kenyon, Ham Gillett, Jim Peplau, and Wayne Wheelock. Also present: T. Kennedy, District Manager, Bob Forguites, District Treasurer, and Mary T. O’Brien, District Clerk. Nine of thirteen towns in the District were represented and a quorum was established.

2. Approve Minutes of April 24, 2014 Meeting

T. Kenyon made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2014 meeting as printed. C. Gibbs seconded the motion. H. Gillett noted that there was a typo. – “tripped” should be “stripped.” All voted in favor. The motion passed.

a. Requirements of Open Meeting Law

T. Kennedy described the new changes to the law:

- Ask if there are any additions to the agenda at the beginning of a meeting. There is a protocol on the Secretary of State’s website for the Board to accept or deny additions. It may be interpreted that “Other Business” is no longer lawful.
- Post the meeting agenda at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting at three physical locations and on the District’s website and 24 hours in advance of a special-called meeting.
- The newspaper of record must be appointed annually.

F. Heald made a motion to post the quarterly meeting agendas and the Executive Committee agendas at least 48 hours in advance and at least 24 hours in advance for specially-called meetings in the town clerks offices in Ludlow and Springfield and on the District website. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

G. DeRosia made a motion to make the “Rutland Herald” the paper of record for the year. F. Heald seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report

B. Forguites distributed copies of “Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2013 through June 2014.” He discussed the end-of-year figures. F. Heald made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. J. Peplau seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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4. Tonnage Report

T. Kennedy stated that tonnage of municipal solid waste (MSW) will decrease as Act 148 kicks in and more material is diverted for recycled.

5. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien stated that she had reserved a slot on the agenda in the event of breaking news in the world of recycling. None to report.

6. Discussion of Act 148 Universal Recycling

T. Kennedy distributed copies of the "Universal Recycling Timeline" and stated that this is an important year for towns to prepare fiscally for the implementation of Universal Recycling. He told representatives that if their towns want information about Act 148, either he or M. O'Brien would come to a Select Board meeting to discuss it. T. Kennedy noted that in addition to passing a variable rate pricing ordinance this year, the District will also have to develop a Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP) for submission to the State by June 18, 2015. He stated that it will be difficult to get the specific town-by-town tonnage of recyclables collected by private haulers.

7. Discussion of Variable Pricing Ordinance

T. Kennedy stated that this is a new requirement for haulers and for towns with facilities that accept trash. Representatives had received copies of the ordinance in their mailed packets. J. Peplau asked if there is going to be an increase in the types of materials that are recycled.

The sample ordinance has not been vetted by an attorney. The District SWIP will not be approved by the State if the ordinance is not adopted by every town in the District, so it's recommended that the District adopt an ordinance itself. T. Kennedy will work with the Executive Committee on this and have something ready by the October District meeting. Towns can't subsidize the disposal cost of MSW but they can subsidize the administration and equipment costs. Discussion ensued. F. Heald asked about property managers, particularly prevalent in a resort town, who go over the scale at the transfer station or have roll-offs – how does variable-rate pricing affect them?

F. Heald suggested that the District communicate very carefully with every town in the District about the new requirements. T. Kenyon asked about who is going to enforce the District ordinance. T. Kennedy responded that it would be up to the District to do that. He also stated that composting will be expensive.

8. Old Business

9. New Business – none

10. At 7:02 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, October 23, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., same location.