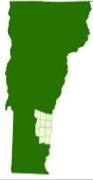


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**Board of Supervisors  
Quarterly District Meeting  
Thursday, October 27, 2016  
Springfield Select Board Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Springfield, Vermont**

## MINUTES

Joe Fromberger, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

### Roll Call

Board supervisors present included: Derek Suursoo, Chester; Tom Yennerell (alternate), Springfield; Cynthia Gibbs, Grafton; Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore; Frank Heald, Ludlow; Bruce McEnaney, Cavendish; Joe Fromberger, Andover; and Gary DeRosia, Rockingham.

Others present included: Tom Kennedy, District Manager; Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk and Recycling Coordinator; Bob Forguites, District Treasurer; Jim Toher and B. J. Crowley, Casella Waste; and Matt Priestley, Alva Waste.

A quorum was achieved with eight towns represented.

### 1. Changes to the agenda

T. Kennedy asked to add an item to the agenda consisting of a discussion to provide a letter from the District to the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) stating that Matt Priestley's proposed project in Springfield conformed to the District's Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP). D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the amendment of Article 5 on the agenda to include the discussion. F. Heald seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### 2. Approve minutes of July 28, 2016 meeting

D. Suursoo made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting as presented. G. DeRosia seconded the motion. T. Yennerell and F. Heald abstained; all others voted in favor.

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### 3. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report as of August 30, 2016

B. Forguites noted that income was better than expenses at the end of August by about \$6,000.00. F. Heald made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. D. Suursoo seconded the motion and thanked B. Forguites for the Report. All voted in favor.

### 4. Discussion of providing an exemption to haulers in rural areas for the collection of organics

T. Kennedy directed everyone to their meeting packets which included a memo and guidance on eligibility to qualify for the solid waste hauler exemption. He hadn't received much feedback from haulers about the Act 148 requirement that haulers must offer food scrap collection as of July 1, 2017. As everyone knows, there is no composting facility within the District. There is no exemption for commercial accounts. T. Kennedy stated that he needs to send a letter of intent to ANR indicating that the District is considering seeking an exemption. D. Suursoo said that because the Board is discussing it, a letter must be sent.

### 5. Discussion of the collection of organics at transfer stations

T. Kennedy is working on a request for proposals (RFP). The District currently has a two-year contract with a one-year renewal option with Casella. This year the RFP will go out earlier than previously and there will be three parts: waste, recyclables, and organics. It will probably be an a la carte RFP. He is doing research to figure out how to put together this type of RFP. He reminded everyone that transfer stations have to accept organics as of July 1, 2017.

#### Amended agenda item:

T. Kennedy stated that he'd distributed copies of the part of the District's SWIP that refers to siting of facilities, which only included landfills and incinerators, not transfer stations. He described M. Priestley's plan and the fact that M. Priestley needs a letter from that District that his proposed facility is in conformance with the District's SWIP. M. Priestley wrote a letter to the District asking for District letter assuring ANR of compliance.

J. Fromberger noted that the SWIP only addressed landfills and incinerators because at the time of the original SWIP there wasn't anything else to consider. He expressed his belief that the proposed facility is in conformance with the SWIP and thought the District should send the letter. D. Suursoo made a motion to give the Executive Committee the authority to review and send the letter when it is completed. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. F. Heald noted

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that the proposed facility wouldn't be in conflict with the District SWIP because transfer stations are not in the SWIP. Therefore, the proposed facility cannot be in conformance with the SWIP. T. Kennedy stated that the SWIP is silent on the siting of transfer stations. All voted in favor of the motion.

## 6. Report on HHW collections in 2016

M. O'Brien stated that although the household hazardous waste collections (HHW) in 2016 were spread out over four days, instead of two, the participation numbers hadn't jumped up as anticipated. She asked for suggestions as to how to achieve greater resident attendance. Specific information about volumes would be in her October monthly report.

## 7. Recycling Coordinator's Report

M. O'Brien reiterated that the recycling of textiles is problematic because the market has dropped precipitously, resulting in a shrinking pool of vendors. On October 31, a representative of one of the remaining vendors, Goodwill, will meet her, Dan Farrar, and Andrea Sanford at the Springfield Transfer station to discuss whether or not Goodwill would be willing to add the Transfer Station to its textile pickup route.

M. O'Brien relayed the fact that the Town of Springfield is enthusiastic about giving away its processed glass aggregate (PGA) for free to contractors for drainage or foundation projects. T. Yennerell stated that the NRRA has a video on its website promoting the use of PGA - <http://www.nrra.net/> - It's on the homepage in the lower left square.

## 8. Old Business: none

## 9. New Business

- a) Meeting with Solid Waste Division on November 10, 2016 in Hartland

T. Kennedy stated that the meeting was set up at the behest of ANR which is traveling around the state to assess people's attitudes towards Act 148.

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10. Adjourn

At 6:52 p.m., J. Fromberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien  
District Clerk

The next quarterly District meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the same location.