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Board of Supervisors
Quarterly District Meeting
Thursday, October 29, 2015
Springfield Select Board Hall, 3rd Floor, Springfield, Vermont

MINUTES

Roll Call At 6:00 p.m., Forrest Randall, Chair, called the meeting to order. The roll was called with the following supervisors present: F. Randall, Springfield; Cynthia Gibbs, Grafton; Frank Heald, Ludlow; Tom Kenyon, West Windsor; Derek Suursoo, Chester; Jim Mullen, Weathersfield; Bruce McEnaney, Cavendish; Chip Stearns, Rockingham; and Wayne Wheelock, Baltimore. A quorum was established with nine towns represented.

Also present: Tom Kennedy, District Manager, Mary T. O'Brien, District Clerk, Bob Forguites, District Treasurer, and Ham Gillett, Outreach Coordinator for District

1. T. Kenyon made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2015 minutes as printed. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
2. B. Forguites discussed the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2015. He stated that the Profit & Loss was, as a percent of the budget, where it should be for the end of the quarter – 21.6% income and 21.1% expenses. B. Forguites stated that the District would have to watch the tip fee surcharge because if recycling tonnage goes up and trash tonnage goes down, that will affect the money that the District runs on. F. Heald made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. D. Suursoo seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
 - a) T. Kennedy noted that B. Forguites had already discussed the tonnage.
3. T. Kennedy stated that the Executive Committee had talked a lot about having the 1.5 District employees transferred to the Regional Planning Commission to realize efficiencies, starting October 1, 2015, the beginning of a quarter. T. Kennedy went on to explain various aspects of the new proposed contract between the District and the Regional Planning Commission. The Work Plan remains the same. The Executive Committee recommends that the District accept the amended contract. D. Suursoo noted that the Executive Committee found the amended contract to be "virtually cost neutral." D. Suursoo made a motion to adopt the contract and to authorize the Chairman to sign it. C. Gibbs seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
4. T. Kennedy stated that in the District's bylaws, there is a description of the procedure to admit a new member town. The voters of Athens already voted by Australian ballot to join the District and the vote passed. There is a fee of \$3,000.00 to join the District. Athens asked to pay \$1,000.00 in this fiscal year and the balance in the next fiscal year. By District bylaws, all supervisors must sign the agreement to admit Athens into the District. D. Suursoo noted that Athens is not allowed to share the District's reserve fund. D. Suursoo

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made a motion that, as of October 29, 2015, the Board of Supervisors admit the Town of Athens into the District according to the approved agreement. W. Wheelock seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

5. T. Kennedy stated that the District did hold two duly-warned public hearings for the Solid Waste Implementation Plan 2015-2020 as required. R. Kenyon made a motion to adopt the Solid Waste Implementation Plan 2015-2020. B. McEnaney seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

6. T. Kennedy noted that he had met with town managers and also with the Executive Committee to discuss any needs the transfer stations might have in order to comply with the requirements of Act 148 Universal Recycling. He stated that the cost of a composting facility is quite high so he's proposing an aggressive backyard composting program. The transfer stations will have to accept food scraps as of July 1, 2017 (they can charge a fee); the District could coordinate a pickup system with them for the scraps to be trucked to the Windham District's composting site in Brattleboro, which does want more food scraps. Another option – perhaps a wastewater treatment plant would accept at least some of the food scraps. Implementation of the leaf and yard waste collection requirement on July 1, 2016 is also under discussion.

7. T. Kennedy, J. Mullen, and M. O'Brien described the electronics waste (a.k.a., e-waste) problem due to NCER's requirement of an amendment to their contract with e-waste collectors that will void the payment of any money for e-waste tonnage.

8. There is an effort to raise the franchise fee from \$6/ton to \$10/ton for municipal solid waste (MSW) to help with infrastructure needs – maybe create an infrastructure loan fund. If the e-waste collection problem is not resolved by January 2016 when the legislative session begins, that subject will be discussed.

9. Old Business: H. Gillett described his outreach efforts with schools, businesses, Rotary Clubs, and Lions Clubs. Je just finished a four-week Master Composter class with UVM Extension.

10. New Business: none

11. F. Heald made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. O'Brien
District Clerk

The next quarterly District meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**, same location.