

**Minutes
Board of Supervisors
April 2, 2014**

The Board of Supervisors of the Northwest Vermont Solid Waste Management District held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday April 2, 2014 at the District Offices, 158 Morse Drive Georgia, VT at 6:30 PM.

Chair Bill Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Supervisors Present:

David Clark, Fletcher
Mary Robinson, Richford
Barry Kade, Montgomery
W.G. Cioffi, City of St. Albans
Bill Rowe, So. Hero
Paul Lambert, Georgia (phone & live)

Al Voegele, St. Albans Town

Supervisors Absent:

Terry Anderson, Isle La Motte
David Jacobs, No. Hero
Chris Leach, Swanton
Pierre Letourneau, Enosburg
Steve Aubin, Alburgh
Dave Supernault, Sheldon
James Lintereur, Bakersfield
Jaime Tibbits, Fairfield

Vacant, Berkshire
Vacant, Grand Isle

Others Present:

John Leddy, Executive Director

Donna Bohannon, Alburgh Town
Clerk
Bernard Savage, Alburgh Solid
Waste Assistant Representative
Ms. Savage, Alburgh Resident

Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board

After much entertaining discussion and voting / election attempts, upon realizing a quorum issue, attempting to contact other board member's which resulted in connecting with Mr. Lambert via phone; Mr. Rowe suggested changing the order of this meeting due to quorum and attendance pressures and asked for a motion to defer the "Organizational Meeting of the Board", "The Minutes" and "Old Business" and go directly to "New Business". "So moved" by Mr. Kade, and was seconded by Mr. Voegele. All were in favor and the motion was passed.

A) Nomination and election of District Officers for the coming fiscal year; board chair, vice chair, treasurer & clerk. As well a review of committee assignments and member terms.

Upon return from "New Business": Mr. Rowe asked for nominations for District Officers. Mr. Clark moved to nominate the current slate of officers for the next fiscal Year's slate of officers, if they are willing to serve. Bill Rowe as Chair, himself as Vice Chair, John Leddy as Treasurer and Pam Bolster as Clerk. Mr. Rowe asked if there were any other nominations. Mr. Cioffi moved to close Nominations. Hearing no objections nominations were closed. Mr. Kade motioned for the treasurer (acting as clerk in her absence) cast one vote for each of the nominees to the positions in which they were nominated. Mr. Voegele seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. Election results: Bill Rowe – Chairman; David Clark – Vice Chairman; John Leddy – Treasurer; Pam Bolster – Clerk.

B) Other Business. a. Review Committee Assignments, b. Review Terms of Supervisors. Mr. Rowe asked to review committee assignments and member terms at a later date as no voting is needed.

Monthly B.O.S. Agenda

1) Minutes of the Board meeting of March 6, 2014. Mr. Voegele moved accept the minutes as written, Ms. Robinson seconded the motion. Mr. Leddy noted that they needed to be amended to include session ending times and Mr. Rowe noted that detail of executive session needed to be included and voting results after needed to be recorded. It should read that during executive session the decision to increase the Executive Directors salary by \$1K above what was in the increase plan, was unanimously approved. 61K was the original annual salary, 62K being the amount with the additional increase. The executive session ended at 8:50PM. Upon returning to regular meeting Mr. Kade moved to increase Mr. Leddy's compensation to 62K annually. Mr. Lintereur seconded the motion and the motion passed without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 9PM. Mr. Rowe asked "all those in favor of approving the minutes as completed say aye". All were in favor and the minutes have been approved.

2) Old Business:

a) Executive Director's Report.

Mr. Leddy said that the Hauler Meeting occurred and had hoped that it would have been better attended but Tuttle's was there, All Cycle was there as well as a representative from Medor/Drummac transfer station. There was good input from those that attended, thoughtful and constructive criticisms, as well as there being corrections of some misunderstandings. Mr. Leddy stated it was a good meeting and that The District will hold more of these in the future.

Mr. Leddy noted work being done at the drop off sites to enable the regular on-going collection services of bulky items, tires, refrigerants, etc. in Montgomery and Bakersfield giving more options to residents to dispose of these items.

In compost news Mr. Leddy said that they had a compost workshop with the St. Albans City School, spearheaded by the elementary school. Approximately 50 folks attended with some discussion of home composting but with more interest in the drop off site collection of compost. He stated that another one would occur around the 15th of the month at the city school with more outreaching to occur within the district.

Mr. Kade asked to make some comments about the hauler meeting which he attended. He asked who the state representative was. Mr. Leddy stated Josh Kelley. He felt it was very well done.

b) Finance Report:

Mr. Rowe noted that they would skip the finance report for the evening.

3) New Business:

a) Vote: Whereas the voters of the Town of Highgate have voted to become a member of the Northwest Solid Waste Management District and have accepted the terms of admission as drafted by the Board of Supervisors. Does the NW Solid Waste District's Board of Supervisors vote to accept the Town of Highgate as an equal member of The District?

Mr. Cioffi moved to accept the Town of Highgate as an equal member. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. Mr. Kade initiated a discussion regarding the entry date of Highgate that resulted in an amendment to the above vote, combining New Business item a with New Business item b, adding the following to New Business item a - Beginning May 1, 2014 with the understanding that for the remainder of the 2014 Fiscal Year the town will pay an assessment of \$616.00, and eliminating New Business item b: All accepted the amended motion and the motion passed without opposition.

b) Vote: Does the Board of Supervisors approve the Town of Highgate to begin membership in the NWSWD, beginning May 1, 2014, with the understanding that the remainder of the 2014 Fiscal Year, the town will pay an assessment of \$616.00.

As above-New Business item a.

c) Discussion – Alburgh Vote and Re-Vote:

Mr. Rowe noted the presence of the Alburgh town clerk and solid waste representative assistant and asked them for any comments. Mr. Savage clarified the vote that occurred in March, how it was a vote allocating the pay off to The District not a vote to withdraw from The District and that withdrawal from the district vote would be held on April 22, 2014 with a

town meeting regarding this issue on April 21, 2014. He said that the results of a previous conversation were that The District would have representation at this meeting to answer any questions the residents may have. Mr. Rowe asked "from our perspective?" Mr. Savage stated "yes". Mr. Rowe asked "Should we prepare a flyer for you that describes what we do?" Mr. Savage felt that many of The District's services are not known to the majority of its residents and that a flyer would be helpful. Mr. Rowe noted that the representation from the Town of Alburgh since a past representative Paul Hanson has not been good with representatives rarely, if ever, attending meetings. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Bohannon stated that she wanted the residents to be educated on both ways, staying or leaving The District and that she was here to educate herself so she can give them the facts not fabrications. Mr. Rowe asked that Mr. Leddy prepare a written document which could be reviewed with time for any questions to be answered to help educate the town on The District and its programs.

A discussion of sending additionally, some fact sheets on Act 148 and what these changes would mean. Ms. Bohannon stating that she had been attempting to research this and would appreciate assistance there. Further discussion occurred regarding the accuracy of the information sheets that had been prepared for residents by the previous town clerk as well as the potential fiscal savings against potential fiscal expense.

Mr. Rowe asked that the board return to the first item on the Agenda which is The Organizational Meeting of The Board.

4) Other Business.

- a) Schedule Committee Meetings for the coming month: None scheduled but a brief discussion on who is responsible to schedule committee meetings occurred. Mr. Leddy stated that the office staff would schedule them.
- b) Mr. Kade questioned the Drug & Alcohol Policy development and when the administration committee should meet to review and develop this. Mr. Leddy told him of the new sample policy that VLCT was releasing and said that it would be scheduled once that is released and reviewed.

5) Public Comment. None.

6) The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM