

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PUBLIC – REMOTE ACCESS

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Place: ZOOM MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

IMPORTANT:

CSWD will hold a hybrid Board of Commissioners Meeting. The virtual meeting is accessible by computer or phone. Members of the public, joining the meeting remotely, are asked to preregister online using the link below. Following the meeting a recording will be available upon request.

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When: Feb 26, 2025 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Board of Commissioners Meeting

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CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Place: **Hybrid Meeting - ZOOM Meeting or In-Person at CSWD Administrative Office**
19 Gregory Drive, South Burlington

*** (E) Indicates enclosures (H) Indicates handouts (D) Discussion Only

1. (E) **Agenda** (6:00 p.m.)
2. **Public Comment Period** (6:05 p.m.)
3. (E) **Consent Agenda** (6:10 p.m.)
 - 3.1 Minutes of Jan 22, 2025 and Feb 3, 2025
 - 3.2 Program Updates
 - 3.3 Finance – Warrant, Cash Investment and Reserve Balances
4. (E) **Solid Waste Management Fee Exemption – Asphalt Shingles** (6:15 p.m.)
Board Action Requested: Approve staff recommendation
5. (E) **New MRF – Project Update** (6:30 p.m.)
6. (E) **Executive Session** – to discuss real estate negotiations (7:00 p.m.)
7. **Real Estate Purchase** (7:30 p.m.)
Board Action Requested: Authorize Executive Director to purchase property
8. **Other Business** (7:40 p.m.)

Possible Action could occur on any agenda item, although not initially noted. If you need an accommodation, please call the District at 872-8100 upon receipt of this notice. All times listed are an estimated start and duration.

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CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
19 Gregory Drive South Burlington
MEETING ROOM
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING
January 22, 2025

***Hybrid Meeting via Zoom.**

PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS:	Bolton	-----
	Burlington	Lee Perry
	Charlotte	Ken Spencer
	Colchester	Lauren Morlino
	Essex	Alan Nye
		Wendy Duncan, Alt.
	Essex Junction	Mike Sullivan
	Hinesburg	Rick McCraw
	Huntington	Barb Winters
	Jericho	Tom Joslin, Alt.
	Milton	-----
	Richmond	-----
	Shelburne	Margaret Wiener
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	St. George	-----
	Underhill	Paul Ruess
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	Williston	Kelton Bogasky
	Winooski	Bryn Oakleaf

STAFF: Sarah Reeves, Amy Jewell, Jen Holliday, Joey Catania

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas Melloni, Esq.

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order & Agenda
2. Public Comment Period
3. Public Hearing
4. Adjourn

1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA - Chair Paul Ruess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He stated the purpose of the public hearing is to review and receive comments on the preliminary FY 26 budget from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. There are no changes to the agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No members of the public present.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – P. Ruess said that this hearing is the public's opportunity to discuss and ask questions about CSWD's FY 26 Budget. He noted that the Finance Committee will hold an all-day meeting to review the proposed budget on February 19th and that meeting, and other CSWD meetings are open to the public. S. Reeves introduced the preliminary budget and noted one

correction, which includes the first two lines, which are the total of the third line of the tipping fees, but all sums and totals are correct. She noted essentially a line to show the subtotal is missing.

No members of the public were present.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Amy Jewell, Recording Secretary

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No members of the public were present.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – S. Reeves stated this public hearing was the for the members of the public to ask questions on the FY 25 Preliminary Budget. No members of the public were present.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by P. Stabler, SECOND by A.Nye, to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Amy Jewell, Recording Secretary

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Amy Jewell, Secretary

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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4. Director of Finance Introduction
5. Enforcement Hearing Process Policy
6. Open Meeting Law – Review Changes
7. Other Business
8. Adjournment

1. CALL TO ORDER & AGENDA

P. Ruess called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Addition of MRF Ad Hoc Committee Discussion and RFB for the Waterline extension project to be discussed under other business.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – No members of the public were present.

3. Consent Agenda – Accepted as presented.

4. Director of Finance Introduction – John Balparda of Middlebury was introduced as CSWD’s new Director of Finance. John has experience in the private sector, non-profit sector, as an auditor, and as a CPA.

5. Enforcement Hearing Policy – S. Reeves reviewed the Enforcement Hearing Process Policy and explained that this was requested by CSWD’s Attorney Thomas Melloni to formalize a process for when enforcement hearings are conducted at the Executive Board and the Board for unlawful conduct as outlined in CSWD’s Ordinance. She noted that CSWD has a robust Outreach system with our main focus on educating and assisting residences and businesses on proper placement and handling of materials. She noted that after outreach has exhausted their efforts, or if there is an egregious violation, the compliance team will send a letter of non-compliance. Our hope is that this doesn’t come to a hearing and for most, once the non-compliance letter is issued action is taken on their end to remedy the situation. This process is written for when an enforcement hearing reaches the Board. She also reviewed updated changes on the Policy from the initial memo. J. Catania responded to a question regarding the appeal process and noted that the appeal process, which is spelled out in the Ordinance, is after a Proposed Order is decided by the Executive Board, the Order recipient may appeal to the full Board, and then to the Environmental Court of Vermont. P. Ruess said that as a quasi-judicial process to be respectful of the rights of all parties and this is a welcomed addition to our policies. He also noted that once the Board has made their determination a formal vote is not necessary because the Order becomes a public document. The determination of the Board is official once it is issued in writing and signed by the Chair. The Board thanked Joey Catania for his work in Compliance.

MOTION by P. Stabler, SECOND by L. Eagan, to adopt the policy presented regarding Enforcement Hearings. VOTING: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Open Meeting Law

S. Reeves reviewed the Open Meeting Law changes that were made on July 1, 2024, with some changes being issued then and some becoming effective on January 1, 2025. She reviewed that one change is a training is required of the Chair and Executive Director and encouraged other Board members to watch it. She suggests that it be part of the Annual Organizational Meeting each year for all members and will send the link for those interested in viewing. She also noted a correction in the memo, noting that we are required to hold a physical location meeting place, which includes all Boards and subcommittees. P. Ruess also noted that if during a hybrid meeting the decision is not unanimous, a roll call vote must be taken. S. Reeves also reminded Board members to not reply all to e-mail information as that could violate the open meeting law. She noted that it is o.k. to reply all when we’re talking about scheduling a meeting, but it’s best to just reply to the sender.

7. Other Business – B. Oakleaf asked about the idea of forming an Ad Hoc MRF Committee given the breadth of the project and noted that after the wetlands issue, our progress was set back and has slowed and it may not be too late to have a team of Board members providing additional oversight and assistance to staff. Discussion was held regarding the process, and how far along CSWD is with the selection of processing systems, construction and design and permits. S. Reeves said that we are still working out location and suggested a complete review of the MRF project at the next meeting in

order to answer any questions the Board has regarding the project update. The Board was in agreement with a presentation in February.

T. Joslin asked about the RFB for the waterline project on Redmond Road. S. Reeves noted that we had the waterline extended to the Organics Recycling Facility to avoid the cost of trucking water to ORF and have gone out to bid for engineering services to design an extension to the end of Redmond Road, which would be needed for a potential MRF, or service other potential facilities at the end of Redmond Road.

It was also noted that the access to the CCTV recording through the website is down and folks need to go to You Tube Channel. If there is a link on the CSWD website it should be changed.

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#3.2

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners
From: CSWD Staff
Date: February 19, 2025
Re: Program Updates

- Solid Waste Management Fee and Disposal (Jon and Becky)
 - As of the first seven months of the fiscal year, from a budget perspective, the SWMF is 2.8% above projected revenues. FY25 revenue is 5.0% lower than FY24 year-to-date. Please refer to accompanying charts.
- Organics Recycling Facility (Dan) –
 - Seven months into the new contamination policy, we continue to see general improvements along with some ongoing challenges addressing contamination from a few sources, particularly from schools. Overall, all of the components that make up the contamination reduction procedures have proven to be very effective resulting in a visually discernible improvement in finished compost quality.
 - Upon request, staff have been presenting on the new contamination reduction efforts and last week presented to the ANR DEC Waste Management Division. In April, staff will be presenting on the topic again at the Vermont Organics Recycling Summit as well as the New York Organics Summit. The unique approach taken by ORF to handle contamination has been recognized as innovative and effective and a potential model for other similar facilities.
 - Dan and Kim attended the US Composting Council annual conference in Phoenix, AZ at the end of January. It was a terrific opportunity to learn the newest trends in the industry, learn best practices, and build new connections.
- Materials Recovery Facility (Josh) - see below for MRF trend chart.
- Marketing & Web (Alise)
 - Marketing Services RFP: We received 16 proposals in response to the RFP for Marketing and Advertising Services and have selected five firms to interview the week of March 3.
- Media Mentions: none
- Outreach Team (Beth) – Throughout the winter, Team Outreach has been showcasing various ways to help our community reduce waste. We've highlighted inspiring efforts from community members, businesses, and schools—each taking impressive steps to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Their commitment demonstrates that small actions can make a big impact!

We will host the final webinar in our Winter Webinar Series on **March 13 at 6 PM**. Titled *'Wasted Food: Feeding People, Not Landfills,'* this session will explore how to prevent food waste before it starts! We will focus on practical strategies for reducing food waste and discover ways to redirect surplus food to those in need. We'll also share actionable tips and impactful solutions to help you make a difference in your home and community.

These webinars been very popular this winter. If you would like to join us for the last one, you can register here: <http://bit.ly/3EKQX30>

- Safety & Compliance: We held our annual Safety Training Day on February 13th. Nearly the entire CSWD staff was in attendance. The day included engaging presentations on a variety of safety topics with presentations from staff, the South Burlington Fire Chief and an ergonomics PT consultant.

CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Tons Disposed based on Solid Waste Management Fees (Year over Year)

Month	Total Tons per Month			
	FY 24 tons	FY 25 tons	Tons Diff.	% Diff
Jul	11,537	11,693	156	1.4%
Aug	12,584	12,870	285	2.3%
Sep	12,379	10,759	-1,621	-13.1%
Oct	12,219	12,099	-119	-1.0%
Nov	11,810	10,671	-1,140	-9.7%
Dec	10,977	9,988	-989	-9.0%
Jan	9,577	8,964	-613	-6.4%
Feb				
Mar				
Apr				
May				
Jun				
Total Tons YTD	81,084	77,044	-4,040	-5.0%
Mgmnt Fee \$ YTD	\$2,432,527	\$2,311,316	(\$121,211)	-5.0%

	Tons	\$
FY 25 Budget	126,018	\$3,780,540
FY 25 Actual YTD	77,044	\$2,311,316
Difference	-48,974	(\$1,469,224)
FY 25 Actual % YTD vs Budget %	61.1%	
YTD % of Months	58.3%	

Chittenden Solid Waste District

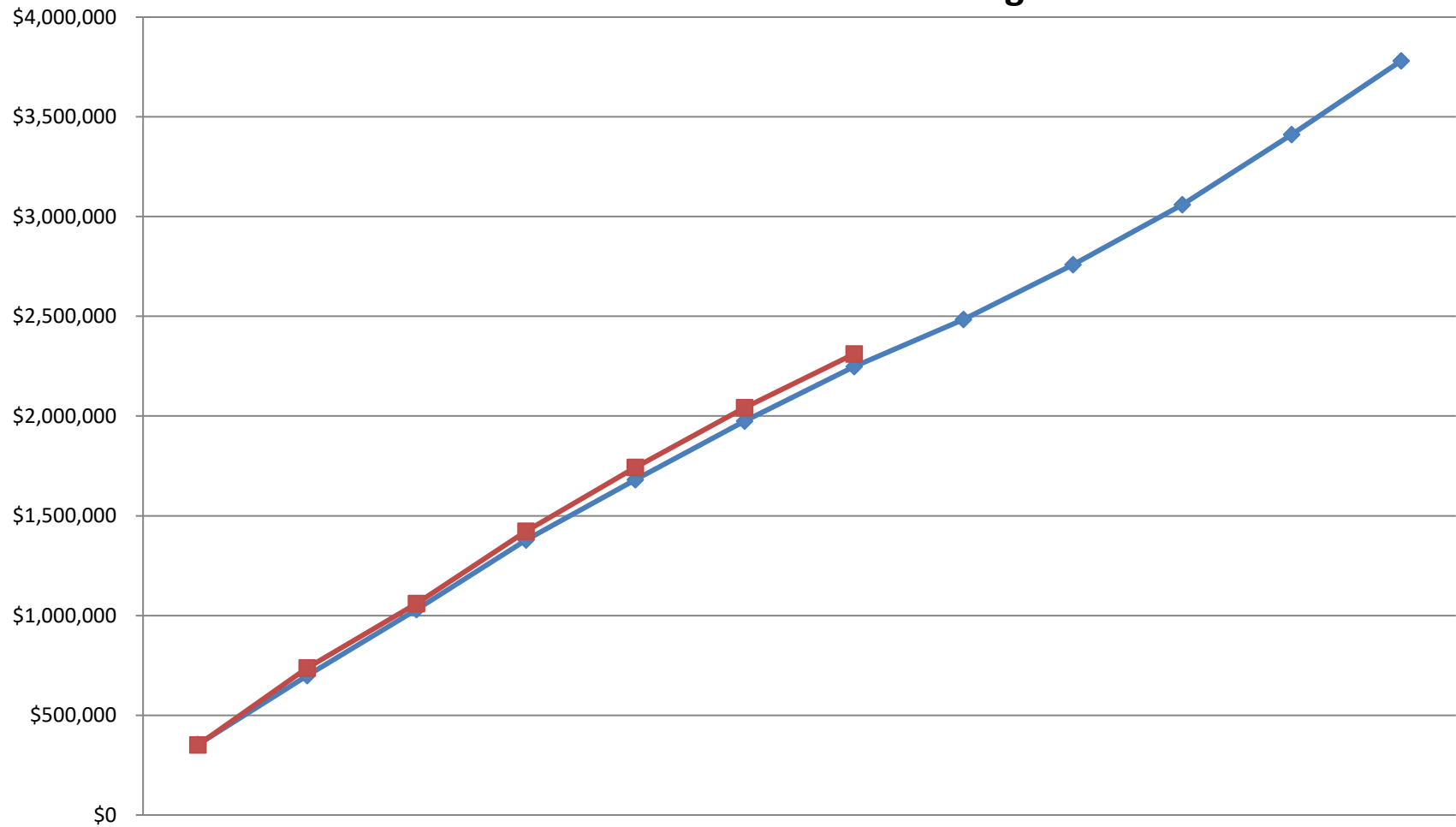
Solid Waste Management Fee FY 25 (Budget versus Actual)

Time	Tons	\$/Ton	\$
FY 25 Budget	126,018	\$30.00	\$3,780,540

\$	Budget \$			Actual		Difference		% of YTD Budget
	Percent	\$ per month	\$ YTD	\$ per month	\$ YTD	\$ per month	\$ YTD	
Jul-24	9.3%	\$352,549	\$352,549	\$350,795	\$350,795	(\$1,753)	-\$1,753	99.5%
Aug-24	9.1%	\$345,781	\$698,330	\$386,095	\$736,890	\$40,313	\$38,560	105.5%
Sep-24	8.8%	\$331,071	\$1,029,401	\$322,759	\$1,059,649	(\$8,312)	\$30,248	102.9%
Oct-24	9.2%	\$348,959	\$1,378,360	\$362,980	\$1,422,629	\$14,021	\$44,269	103.2%
Nov-24	8.0%	\$302,337	\$1,680,697	\$320,119	\$1,742,748	\$17,782	\$62,051	103.7%
Dec-24	7.8%	\$294,024	\$1,974,721	\$299,641	\$2,042,389	\$5,617	\$67,668	103.4%
Jan-25	7.2%	\$272,990	\$2,247,711	\$268,927	\$2,311,316	(\$4,063)	\$63,605	102.8%
Feb-25	6.3%	\$236,324	\$2,484,035					
Mar-25	7.3%	\$274,914	\$2,758,949					
Apr-25	8.0%	\$301,208	\$3,060,156					
May-25	9.3%	\$351,309	\$3,411,465					
Jun-25	9.8%	\$369,075	\$3,780,540					

TONS	Budget Tons			Actual		Difference	
	Percent	Monthly Tons	Tons YTD	Tons per month	Tons YTD	Tons per month	Tons YTD
Jul-24	9.3%	11,752	11,752	11,693	11,693	(58)	(58)
Aug-24	18.5%	11,526	23,278	12,870	24,563	1,344	1,285
Sep-24	27.2%	11,036	34,313	10,759	35,322	(277)	1,008
Oct-24	36.5%	11,632	45,945	12,099	47,421	467	1,476
Nov-24	44.5%	10,078	56,023	10,671	58,092	593	2,068
Dec-24	52.2%	9,801	65,824	9,988	68,080	187	2,256
Jan-25	59.5%	9,100	74,924	8,964	77,044	(135)	2,120
Feb-25	65.7%	7,877	82,801				
Mar-25	73.0%	9,164	91,965				
Apr-25	80.9%	10,040	102,005				
May-25	90.2%	11,710	113,716				
Jun-25	100.0%	12,302	126,018				

CSWD - Solid Waste Management Fee Revenues Year-To-Date - FY 25 Actual v. FY 25 Budget



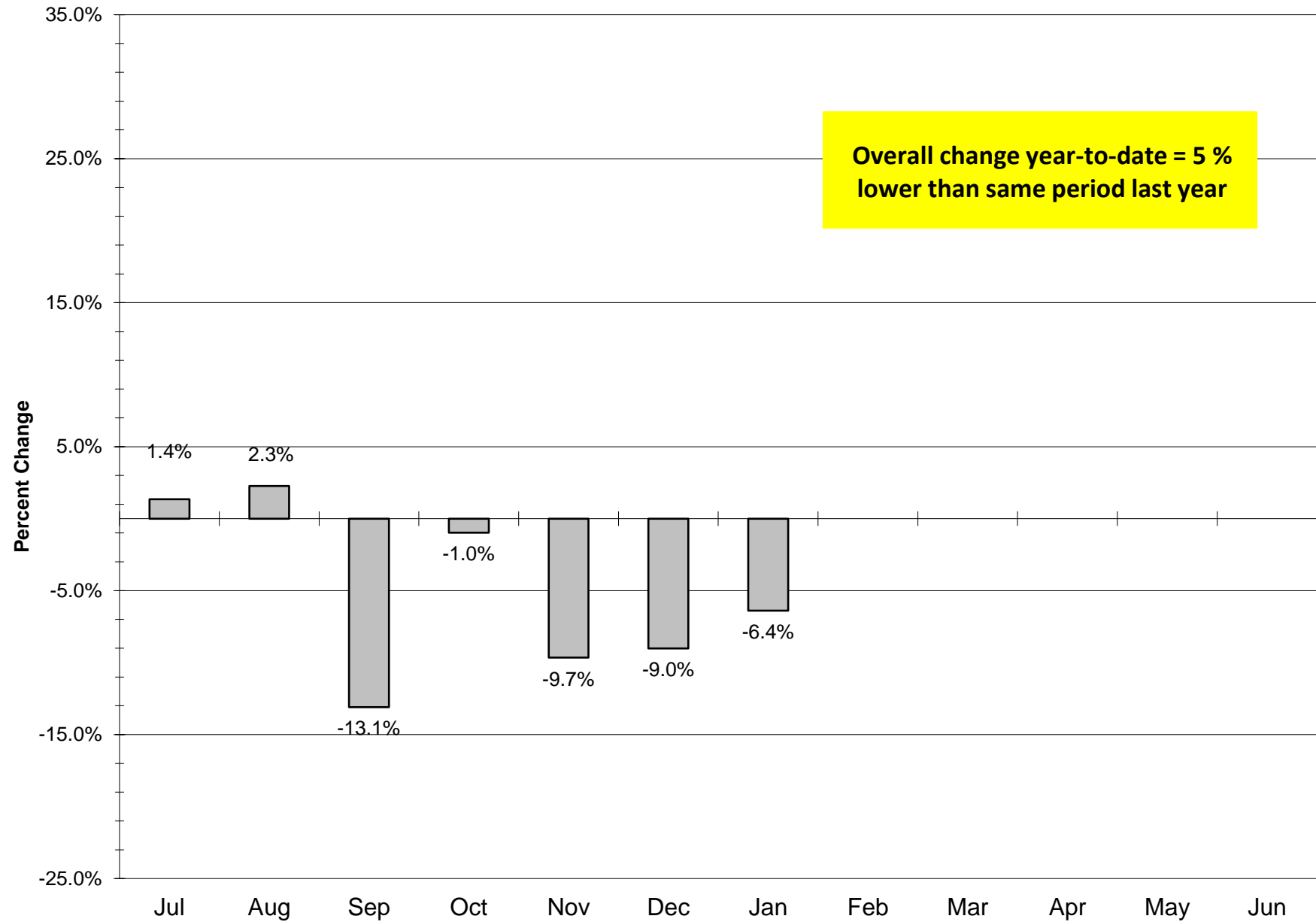
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—■— Actual	\$350,795	\$736,890	\$1,059,649	\$1,422,629	\$1,742,748	\$2,042,389	\$2,311,316					

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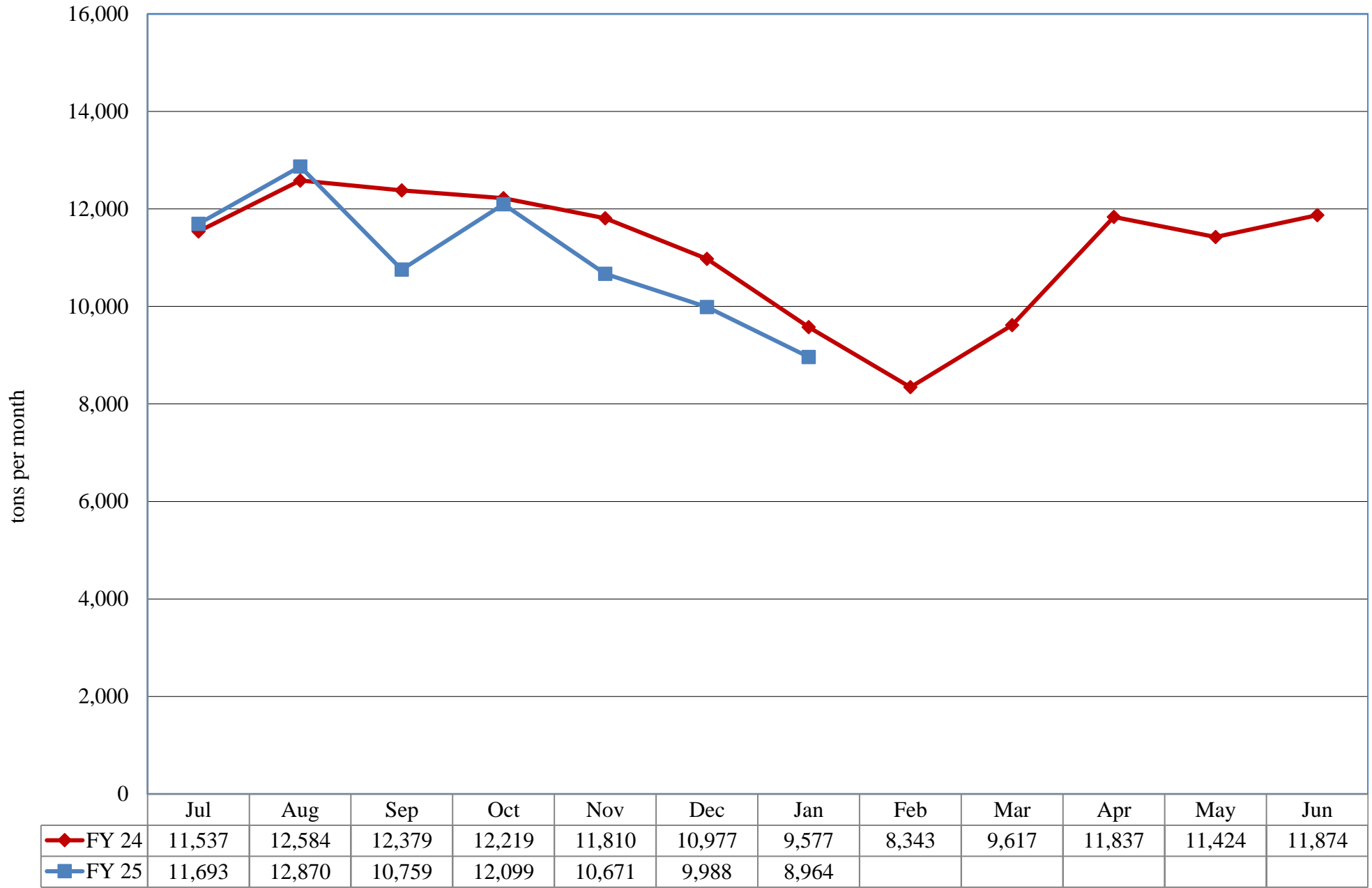
SWMF Tons Refuse Disposed per Operating Weekday

Month	FY 24			FY 25			Difference FY 25 vs FY 24			
	Monthly Tons	# Operating Weekdays	Avg Tons/Day	Monthly Tons	# Operating Weekdays	Avg Tons/Day	Monthly Tons	# Operating Weekdays	Tons/Day Tons	Tons/Day %
Jul	11,537	20	576.9	11,693	22	531.5	156	2	-45.3	-7.9%
Aug	12,584	23	547.1	12,870	22	585.0	285	-1	37.8	6.9%
Sep	12,379	24	515.8	10,759	20	537.9	-1,621	-4	22.1	4.3%
Oct	12,219	25	488.8	12,099	23	526.1	-119	-2	37.3	7.6%
Nov	11,810	26	454.2	10,671	20	533.5	-1,140	-6	79.3	17.5%
Dec	10,977	27	406.6	9,988	21	475.6	-989	-6	69.1	17.0%
Jan	9,577	28	342.0	8,964	22	407.5	-613	-6	65.4	19.1%
Feb										
Mar										
Apr										
May										
Jun										
Total	81,084	173		77,044	150		-4,040	-23		
Average			468.7			513.6			44.9	9.6%

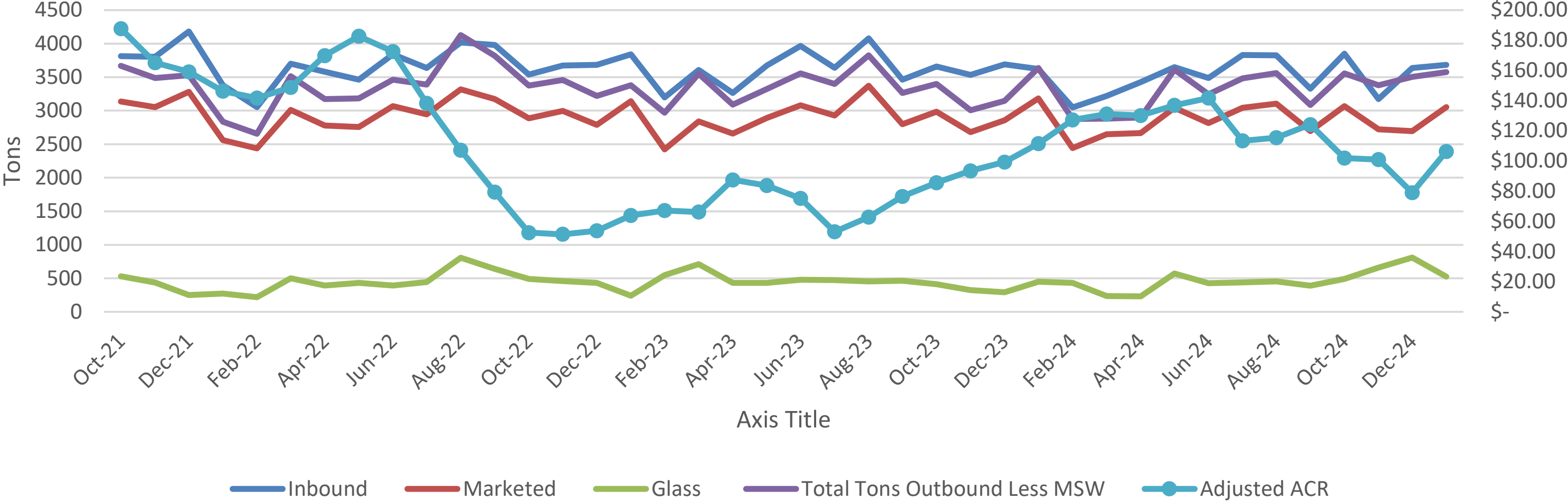
Difference in SWMF Tons Per Month Disposed
FY25 versus FY24



CSWD - SWMF Tons Trash per Month - FY 25 v. FY 24



MRF Material Flow



#3.3

To: Board of Commissioners
From: Laura Tomasi, Accountant
Date: February 18, 2025
RE: Warrants, Reserves & Cash Balance

The following warrants have been reviewed by the Finance Committee and disbursements have been issued since the last submitted Finance Memo:

Warrant Date	Warrant Amount
01/22/2025	\$ 448,368.25
02/04/2025	\$729,245.40

Reserve balances indicate how much of that cash has been assigned or committed for a particular purpose.

As of, January 31, 2025

Assigned Reserve balances are as follows:

Landfill Post Closure	\$	1,000,000.00	
Facility Closure	\$	1,636,766.46	
Capital Reserves	\$	8,983,399.72	
Biosolids Reserve	\$	380,723.68	
Community Clean Up	\$	84,390.27	
Solid Waste Reserve	\$	1,000,000.00	
<u>Operating Reserve</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>1,750,000.00</u>	
Total Designated:	\$	<u>14,835,280.13</u>	
Total Undesignated:	\$	880,842.12	
Cash & Cash Equivalents:	\$	8,049,210.31	
Investments:	\$	4,461,188.86	
Accrued Compensated Time:	\$	296,639.80	
Other Current Liability:	\$	629,245.92	\$
(Less Post closure Payable)			

Breakdown of Community Clean Up Reserve by Location as of January 31, 2025:

Bolton	\$ 2,500.00
Burlington	10,000.00
Charlotte	4,965.22
Colchester	5,800.00
Essex Jct	5,000.00
Essex Town	7,500.00
Hinesburg	5,000.00
Huntington	2,500.00
Jericho	2,135.47
Milton	7,500.00
Richmond	5,000.00
Shelburne	3,989.58
S. Burlington	7,500.00
St. George	2,500.00
Underhill	5,000.00
Westford	2,500.00
Williston	5,000.00
Winooski	0.00

All Community Clean Up Funds are brought to their maximum balance at the beginning of each fiscal year.

#4.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Commissioners
FROM: Joey Catania, CSWD Compliance & Safety Manager
DATE: February 20, 2025
RE: Asphalt Shingles

SYNOPSIS

CSWD's ordinance banned asphalt shingles from disposal in 2016, at the request of Myers Recycling and in support of ANR's goals at the time. Since then, markets for recycled shingles have become unreliable and in 2023 the CSWD Board waived the separation requirement for the material. At that meeting, the Board also waived the solid waste management fee at the request of Myers Recycling to allow them to dispose of their stockpiled material. The stockpile is now presumed to be depleted, and staff is recommending implementing a reduced solid waste management fee (per the CSWD Ordinance) on asphalt shingles used for road base at the Coventry landfill.

HISTORY

CSWD banned all asphalt shingles from disposal in July 2016. Myers Recycling Facility was collecting and separating asphalt shingles for recycling. In August 2022 Myers approached the Board requesting a waiver due to no viable markets. The Board approved the temporary waiver through 8/31/2023, with an extension through 12/31/2023. At the November 2023 Board meeting the board passed two resolutions:

- 1) waive until further notice, the separation and collection requirements for asphalt shingles as described in the Solid Waste Management Ordinance
- 2) to continue the waiver of the solid waste management fee (SWMF) on asphalt shingles that are used for road building in the landfill in Coventry through December 31, 2024, and furthermore to direct staff to continue to investigate markets for this material and report back to the Board in a timely manner.

CURRENT SITUATION

On January 31, 2025, Myers Recycling Facility submitted a request to extend the Board's waiver exempting asphalt shingles from Solid Waste Management Fee (SWMF).

Upon receiving the extension request, CSWD staff requested a letter from Casella seeking confirmation that the asphalt shingles currently being collected, separated and shipped to the Coventry landfill are being used as alternative landfill daily cover. CSWD staff received a letter from Casella confirming that

asphalt shingles are in fact being used as alternative daily land cover at the Coventry landfill, see the letter below.

Historically, CSWD has approved this waiver of the SWMF because Myers had a stockpile of collected asphalt shingles from when the material was landfill banded, and as a result, Myers was collecting the material without charging the Solid Waste Management Fee. It has been several years since that original stockpile was reported.

Below is a chart that shows assumed tonnage of asphalt shingles being shipped to the Coventry landfill based on reported scale data CSWD receives from Myers.

	2021	2022	2023	2024
Q1	347.55	11.91	0	334.77
Q2	82.97	0	325.28	701.84
Q3	0	0	244.59	705.4
Q4	54.5	0	439.34	939.78
TOTAL	485.02	11.91	1009.21	2681.79

CSWD staff recommends the Board not extend the waiver of the SWMF. CSWD's SWMF is \$30/ton, but when material is used for alternate daily cover (ADC) or other landfill site improvements it is charged 25% of that fee, at \$7.50/ton. In the example above, had the reduced SWMF been charged to the 2024 totals, the fees due to the District would have totaled \$20,113.43.

Staff recommends that 25% of the SWMF be assessed for asphalt shingles as of March 1, 2025. Our Ordinance states "twenty-five percent (25%) of the (Solid Waste Disposal) fee shall be imposed on all of the 1) Solid Waste approved by the State for use as landfill daily cover" and there is historical precedent for the same terms being applied to other materials utilized for infrastructural improvement at the landfill.

MOTION to implement the solid waste management fee on asphalt shingles that are used for road building in the landfill in Coventry effective March 1, 2025.



Mr. Joey Catania
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VIA EMAIL: jcatania@cswd.net

**RE: Myers Container Services, Inc.
CSWD Renewal for Beneficial Use of Asphalt Shingles at NEWSVT**

Dear Mr. Catania,

As requested, the following statement was provided by our landfill General Manager, Jeremy Labbe, regarding beneficial use of asphalt shingles that have been segregated from other construction and demolition debris waste.

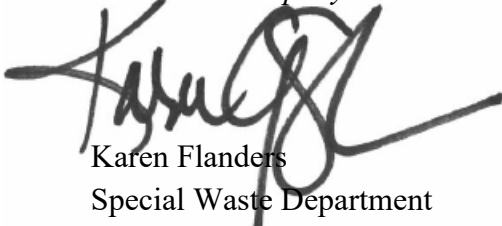
NEWSVT utilizes asphalt shingles in its operation as roadbase material within the lined landfill footprint; thereby reducing the amount of virgin purchased mined gravel materials necessary to facilitate proper operations. Beneficially using asphalt shingles in this manner allows NEWSVT to conserve natural resources. In addition, the shingles provide subbase support for our tipper pads and truck turn areas within the landfill, again reducing virgin gravel materials needed to properly facilitate safe and effective operations. The reuse of this material within the landfill aids in landfill efficiency and operation, directly reducing the need to utilize virgin gravel materials.

Please contact me or Jeremy Labbe with any questions.

Sincerely,

NEW ENGLAND WASTE SERVICES OF VERMONT, INC.

A Casella Company



Karen Flanders
Special Waste Department

Cc: Jeremy Labbe, NEWSVT
Jeff Myers, Myers Container Service