

DRAFT
CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
ZOOM MEETING Only
April 26– Regular Meeting

PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS:

Bolton	-----
Burlington	Lee Perry
Charlotte	Ken Spencer
Colchester	Renae Marshall
Essex	Alan Nye
Essex Junction	Mike Sullivan
Hinesburg	Rick McCraw
Huntington	-----
Jericho	Tom Joslin, alt.
Milton	Henry Bonges
Richmond	Logan Hegg
Shelburne	Margaret Wiener
So. Burlington	Paul Stabler
	Allison Lazarz, alt.
St. George	-----
Underhill	Paul Ruess
Westford	-----
Williston	Kelton Bogasky
Winooski	Bryn Oakleaf
	Dr. Ron Stotyn, alt.

STAFF:

Sarah Reeves, Jen Holliday, Nola Ricci, Amy Jewell

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Melloni, Esq.

AGENDA:

1. Agenda
2. Public Comment Period
3. Consent Agenda
4. Community Clean Up Fund Update
5. Decommissioning existing MRF
6. Executive Session
7. Other Business

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1. **CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA** Chair Paul Ruess called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
 2. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - No discussion.

3. Consent Agenda –

There was a request to remove the 3.3 Executive Director Update from the agenda. A correction to the March 8, 2023 minutes included removing Tom Joslin from attendance.

All other items accepted without edits.

Discussion of 3.3 Executive Director Update:

- *DOC pilot programs for shredded paper and hardcover books* - S. Reeves noted no initial cost for the pilot program and will follow up on tonnage next week. She said the goal is to have the program fully operational by July. Additional information will be provided including the bid process and potential cost to customers.
- *Septic Mound Sand* – Discussion on the timing of the program or if the mound sand is a pilot program. S. Reeves explained that this is a new program with a possible use for Processed Glass Aggregate. She said that this is a positive use of this material and next steps are to get samples of materials at the quarry and do a test program with wastewater and UVM. PGA is a promising substitute that will be less expensive and solve the glass concerns.

Report is accepted after these discussions.

4. Community Clean Up Fund Update - S. Reeves reviewed the Community Clean Up Funds that are available to towns both this and next fiscal year. Staff included a reminder that funds will not carry over this year but will be fully funded July 1st. Towns will need to act before June 16, 2023. Staff offered support for education and outreach to Board members and communities. Staff will send a draft e-mail to Board members so they can send information out in Front Porch Forum. It was also requested that CSWD and Board members provide information on what other towns have used funds for.

5. Decommissioning Existing MRF –S. Reeves requested Board of Commissioner brainstorming ideas regarding possible uses of the existing MRF. She noted that this is just the beginning conversation, and more discussion and input is needed. Ideas that were suggested at the meeting are listed below:

- Terracycle Discussion/ Specialty Recycling for the Region: Revenue increasing specialty recycling plant.
- Plastic Film
- Gravel project
- Furniture Deconstruction
- Combination of the Hazardous Waste Facility to avoid lease (mentioned twice)
- Textiles
- Styrofoam
- K-cups/ Britta Filters
- Regional cross-docking facility for materials that can be baled like Terracycle, fabric recycling, etc.
- An “Un-Maker,” Breakdown space. (mentioned twice)
- Take-Back Programs (Existing or In Development).

- Bottle fill Redemption Site
- EV Batteries, Solar Panels, Reuse and Waste management
- Sell the Building: Retrofit costs may be high – consider that versus sale price. Instead of rebuilding the MRF for new use, spend the capital from sale of this land to other projects.
- Mixed-Rigid Plastics
- Mix of Plastics and Extended Recycling
- Request to see the market value of the property, and a value intended sale (connecting with CSWD mission, other needs of the community i.e., sustainability in CSWD mission statement).

Agenda #6. Executive Session.

MOTION by Alan Nye, Second by Kelton Bogasky that the Board of Commissioners of the Chittenden Solid Waste District go into Executive Session to discuss the contract negotiations with the City of Burlington and Real Estate negotiations with the Town of Williston, where premature general public knowledge would clearly place the District, its member municipalities, and other public bodies or persons involved at a substantial disadvantage and to permit authorized staff, other invited interested parties, and the Solid Waste District attorney to be present for this session. VOTING: All Ayes, Motion Carried.

The Board entered executive session at 6:48 p.m.

Motion by Alan Nye, Second by Paul Stabler, to exit executive session and reconvene the meeting. VOTING: All Ayes, Motion Carried.

The board meeting was reconvened at 7:37 p.m.

Agenda #7 Other Business:

- The Board agreed to table discussion on expansion of the bottle bill for a later date.
- B. Oakleaf requested that staff share Green Up Day information with town coordinators in regard to handling hazardous waste that may be collected.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by P. Stabler Jericho; seconded by A.Nye Essex Junction. VOTING: All ayes. Motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Amy Jewell, Recording Secretary

I agree that this is an original copy of minutes and they have been approved by motion of the Board of Commissioners at the _____ meeting held in Williston.

Amy Jewell, Secretary