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**CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
ZOOM MEETING/Williston Town Hall  
October 26, 2022 – Regular Meeting**

**PRESENT**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Bolton	-----
Burlington	Lee Perry
Charlotte	Ken Spencer
Colchester	Liz Hamilton-Volz
Essex	Alan Nye
Essex Junction	Alan Nye
Hinesburg	Rick McCraw
Huntington	-----
Jericho	Tom Joslin, alt.
Milton	Henry Bonges
Richmond	-----
Shelburne	-----
So. Burlington	Paul Stabler
Underhill	Paul Ruess
Westford	Katie Frederick
Williston	Kelton Bogasky
Winooski	Bryn Oakleaf

**STAFF:**

Amy Jewell  
Jen Holliday  
Josh Tyler

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Thomas Melloni, Esq.

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**AGENDA:**

1. Agenda
2. Public Comment Period
3. Consent Agenda
4. Personnel Rules & Regulations – Requested Changes
5. MRF – Bond Vote Update
6. Executive Session
7. Other Business

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1. **CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA** Chair Paul Ruess called the Organizational meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** - No discussion.

**3. Consent Agenda** – Consent agenda is approved as presented.

**4. 2021 Waste Diversion & Disposal Report**

J. Dorwart reviewed the 2021 Waste Diversion & Disposal Report. The purpose of the report is to track and evaluate programs, fulfill state reporting requirements, and provide information for communications. Highlights included increase solid waste generation, increase of MSW and C&D tons disposed while MSW continued high at 53%. Meanwhile, the recovery rate for mandatory recyclables decreased slightly. Throughout the rest of the presentation, J. Dorwart gave historical and contemporary resources to explain these numbers and changes over time. Following the presentation, the presentation was opened for discussion. P. Ruess asked if there were similar statistics published by other Vermont solid waste districts and wanted to know how CSWD compared to the state. J. Dorwart notes that compared to the state, our per capita rates were lower, but diversion rates are considerably higher. J. Holliday notes comparisons are difficult as information collected by districts varies. P. Ruess also notes that the MSW pounds per capita/day diversion is higher than accepted; showing an increase and a significant improvement. A disappointment is noted in the data that shows 50% of what goes to the landfill could be diverted. Finally, P. Ruess asks if there are any red flags or concerns that the Board ought to be aware of or that they could help. J. Dorwart notes the importance of economic factors beyond our control and the resiliency of diversion – a program that is assisted by the Educational services that. K. Spencer follows up with diversion statistics around organics; noted that he bumps into people unaware that diversion is the law and asks staff what their feedback has been. J. Dorwart and J. Holliday note we are cautiously optimistic and that we are doing well; education is ongoing as Chittenden County's population changes. The State of Vermont has recently kicked off food scrap diversion campaign so that will help raise awareness.

**5. MRF- Bond Vote Update**

J. Holliday shares an update on the MRF Bond Vote Update campaign. The vote is 13 days away from this meeting. CSWD has recently sent out second postcard that was sent to those that went to the polls, done in-person presentations, and had some media mentions and FPF posted, informing about how to vote and how to get their ballots. We've increased tours with school groups, businesses, and the general public at the MRF. Staff interviewed and gave a tour for Seven Days, The Shelburne News Citizen and the Other Paper. Staff note that several commissioners have been posting on FPF, which is appreciated. Including Burlington, 6,343 individuals have requested ballots as of Monday. Compared to registered voters, this number is only about 5%, a percentage that will increase in-person. P. Stabler asks J. Holliday about a dismal plastics recycling report, which is a concern about asking for a new recycling facility. J. Holliday notes that in these reports, the EPA considers all plastics available (durable goods, single use and blue bin recycling); a very small fraction of that is actually eligible for blue-bin recycling. We are doing exceptional in diverting plastics out of the waste stream in Chittenden County, through the blue-bin program that the public contributes too. P. Stabler asks J. Holliday if it would be possible to confirm with our recycling facility that their plastics are being recycled. P. Ruess asked about timeline for requesting a ballot in the mail system. J. Holliday notes that timelines are dependent on the mail system. If there is time to request an absentee ballot- depending on mail - most towns

have a drop box and can ballots can be dropped there. P. Ruess also notes that VPIRG came out in support of the Bond Vote.

**6. Executive Session**

**MOTION BY A.Nye , SECOND by K. Spencer, to move that the Board of Commissioners of the Chittenden Solid Waste District go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations in regard to the lease agreement with the City of South Burlington 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.**

The Board entered Executive Session at 6: 26p.m.

**MOTION by A.Nye, Second by K. Spencer to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried to exit Executive Session at 6:45.**

**MOTION by K. Bogasky, Second by K. Spencer that BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the terms and provisions of the lease for 19 Gregory Drive with the City of South Burlington in the form presented at this meeting, with such changes as the Executive Director may approve as being in the interest of the District. VOTING: P. Stabler abstains; remaining votes 'Ayes'. Motion carries.**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

K. Bogasky notes that Wheels for Warmth program to recycle tires for charity will take place on October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, with a tire sale taking place Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact K. Bogasky or look online for additional information. A. Jewell will share information to Board members. P. Ruess notes that all schedules are moved a week in advance due to the Thanksgiving holiday. A. Nye notes an Open House at Glavel on November 8<sup>th</sup> and asks for information on a new textile recycling program CSWD is operating with Helpsy, a private company. This agreement is being worked out, after which a public announcement will be made.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by A.Nye, Second by K. Spencer to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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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.***

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***Amy Jewell, Secretary***