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**CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
IN-PERSON/ZOOM MEETING
September 27, 2023 - Regular Meeting**

PRESENT**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Bolton	----
Burlington	Lee Perry
Charlotte	Ken Spencer
Colchester	Liz Hamlin Volz
Essex	Alan Nye
Essex Junction	----
Hinesburg	Rick McCraw
Huntington	----
Jericho	----
Milton	Henry Bonges
Richmond	Andrew French
Shelburne	Margy Wiener
So. Burlington	Paul Stabler
	Allison Lazarz, alt.
St. George	----
Underhill	Paul Ruess
	Dan Steinbauer, alt.
Westford	-----
Williston	Kelton Bogasky
Winooski	-----

STAFF: Sarah Reeves, Amy Jewell, Jen Holliday, Josh Estey, Donna Cushman

OTHERS PRESENT: N/A

AGENDA:

1. Agenda
2. Public Comment Period
3. Consent Agenda
4. Environmental Depot presentation
5. Landfill Discussion
6. Executive Session
7. Other Business

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 – Request to remove 3.4 and discuss. Discussion was to correct the date of 8/30/2022 to 8/30/2023. Question on Community Clean up Fund....

Consent agenda approved as presented with noted changes.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL DEPOT PRESENTATION – J. Estey reviewed and presented the Environmental Depot Program to the Board. He led the Board through the process of residents and small business generators dropping off hazardous waste at the Depot. He reviewed the new appointment system that is in place, which allows staff to sort and process materials in a safer and facility compliant manner. Incoming paint is diverted to our own Local Color brand or is marketing elsewhere. The Depot reports quarterly to the State all materials coming into the facility, as required by state solid waste certification. Last year the Depot collected 590,000 lbs. of waste at a cost of \$234,000. There was a drop in collection during covid, but year over year there has been steady increases. Discussion was held on the following:

- How material is tracked after collected? Josh responded that we contract with Republic (US Ecology) based out of Williston and all materials is recorded on a manifest and must be returned to CSWD within 45 days.
- How are we ensuring the safety of staff? Employees are highly trained through on-the-job training, personal protective equipment, a respirator protection plan is in place, safety shower and eyewash stations, and we ask OSHA to do voluntary full audits regularly. Additional safety from vandalism includes locked gates, sprinkler systems, and safety alarm systems at a nonviewable facility.

5. LANDFILL DISCUSSION – S. Reeves presented on the landfill status in Vermont as requested Commissioner Nye. The purpose is to consider future steps as we get closer to the current landfill being at capacity. She stated that based on FY 22 data about 50% of the material going to the landfill could be diverted, including construction and demolition debris, special recycling, and organics. We send about 119,000 tons each year. She noted that Casella operates the one active landfill in Coventry. CSWD has a site that was acquired through eminent domain, “Site 21” at that is fifty-five acres on Redmond Road in Williston. She noted that there is about 20 years left in the Coventry site and can bury about 600,000 tons of material per year. She noted that there are concerns about leachate management and contamination to Lake Memphremagog. Discussion was held on the following:

- Are there alternatives more profitable for private entities to pursue? S. Reeves said that energy can be generated from landfills and are a source of profitability. Once the new MRF is up and running, CSWD will turn their attention to profitable alternatives in the next couple of years.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – MOTION BY P. Stabler, Second by A. Nye that the Board of Commissioners of the Chittenden Solid Waste District go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with the City of Burlington regarding the Flynn Avenue property and contract negotiations with the Town of Williston regarding the Host Town Agreement, 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 7:14 p.m.

Motion by P. Stabler, Second by A. Nye to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the meeting. The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by P. Stabler Second by A. Nye to extend the MOU with the City of Burlington regarding the Flynn Avenue property for a period of one year.

VOTING: All ayes. Motion passes.

Motion to adjourn. Moved by P. Stabler; seconded by A. Nye. VOTING: All ayes. Motion passes.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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