

DRAFT
CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT
ZOOM MEETING/Williston Town Hall
November 16, 2022 – Regular Meeting

PRESENT

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

STAFF:

Sarah Reeves	Michele Morris
Amy Jewell	Jon Dorwart
Jen Holliday	Nola Ricci
Josh Tyler	

OTHERS PRESENT:

Thomas Melloni, Esq.
Michael Casella, Casella Waste Management

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 meeting to order at 6:00 pm. It was proposed by H. Bonges, Representative from Milton to include a discussion on furniture deconstruction on the agenda. This will be discussed under Other Business.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - No discussion.

3. Consent Agenda – Minutes were removed from the consent agenda. Changes were proposed including removing the word “organizational” from the call to order section and rewording, section 4. “P. Ruess also notes that the MSW pounds per capita/day diversion is higher than accepted.”

MOTION By R. McCraw, Second by K. Bogasky to approve the minutes from 10/26/2022 with corrections. Minutes were approved with the above proposed changes. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

4. FY 24 Preliminary Budget S. Reeves noted that by Charter CSWD is required to present a preliminary budget annually. The main purpose is to assure member towns that CSWD is not planning on an assessment. She noted the key drivers of the changes from FY 23 to FY 24 as outlined in the memo. The initial recommendation is to increase the solid waste management fee from \$27/ton to \$29/ton. Discussion was held on the FY 24 Preliminary budget, which included:

- Conversation around the proposed \$2 increase in the Solid Waste Management Fee’s longevity and effectiveness.
- Alternatives to raising the Solid Waste Management Fee
- Population and fee structures and whether we have data from DOC members
- Looking at a funding model that doesn’t lose money when we reduce the amount of trash received (MSW)
- Conversation around the possibility of increasing DOC fees, if that is the driver of the solid waste management fee increase versus a band-aid approach of raising the solid waste management fee for all. The public’s concern around fee raising was also discussed.
- **Is there an expectation** to raise DOC fees; how much? At this time, we are not proposing to raise DOC fees and that is not in this proposed budget.
- **Communication noted that people expected ‘the other shoe to drop’ after the MRF vote; S. Reeves has previously told city board members that we expect DOC fees to rise in FY24 but staff want to ensure that the fees that are raised are reviewed, make sense, and are transparent.**
- **Volume Received and ACR is brought up: could those be addressed?** Estimate for average revenue for MRF is conservative, typically volatile. ACR is budgeted at \$84, a conservative but not dire number.
- **Capital needs met without being subsidized by the MRF:**
- Current ACR is \$51 for the previous month, \$106 per year average per ton

MOTION by A. Nye, second by P. Stabler that be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners acknowledges the receipt of a preliminary budget to be further developed through the normal budget process. VOTING: one ‘nay’, remaining ‘aye’, motion passes.:

5. MRF- Bond Vote Update

J. Holliday said that the bond vote was an enormous success. She noted that despite CSWD being unable to be on the ballot with the general election, 31,000 voters voted, with an 82% approval rating. She reviewed the bond vote campaign summary. The Board acknowledged the hard work and effort that staff put into the campaign. J. Holliday reviewed the project timeline as outlined in the memo and the financing process.

6. Executive Session

MOTION BY A.Nye , SECOND by K. Bogasky, 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 City of Burlington Flynn Avenue property and the MRF Casella Contract 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: unanimous; motion carried to enter Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

MOTION by A. Nye, Second by L. Nulty to exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried to exit Executive Session at 8:23 p.m.

8. OTHER BUSINESS – Given the time and the Milton Rep. H. Bonges was no longer on the meeting, the discussion for furniture deconstruction will be placed on the next agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by L. Nulty, Second by B. Oakleaf to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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.

Secretary

Amy Jewell,