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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

4:30 PM

Tracy Hall, Norwich, VT

Board members present:

Ben Bradley (Thetford)
Stephen Willbanks (Strafford)
Phil Swanson (Woodstock)
Bob Stacey (Hartland)
Vern Clifford (Pomfret)
Mary Gavin (Sharon) *by phone*
Lynne Bertram (Bridgewater)

Staff present: Tom Kennedy (GUV District Manager); Ham Gillett (Recycling/Outreach Coordinator)

Chair, Neil Fulton, opened the meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 4:35 PM

1. **Changes to Agenda:** None

2. **Approval of February 23, 2017 Minutes**

Steve Willbanks made a motion to approve the minutes; they were seconded by Phil Swanson.
Motion carried.

3. **Acceptance of the February 2017 Treasurer's Report**

Phil Swanson made a motion to receive the financials; the motion was seconded by Ben Bradley.
Motion carried.

4. **Update on Solar Project**

Tom Kennedy reported that GUV is seeking letters of support from Town of Hartland and Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission. Ben Bradley inquired about the value of the tax credits. Tom K. will find out. Consultants working for Gro-Solar are working on development of the material needed to submit their Section 248 application. Gro-Solar is hoping to submit the application by the end of April.

5. **Update on Compost Facility**

Tom Kennedy stated that Grow Compost is moving forward with their plan to be operational by July 1, 2017, pending the lease negotiation. The location of the composting site may change based upon where the solar facility is sited. We are waiting for the final site plan from Gro-Solar.

6. Recycling and Outreach Coordinator's Report

Ham Gillett reviewed the contents of the 2017 Green Guide including the special collections and HHW events; July 1 deadline for haulers and transfer stations regarding food scrap collection; backyard composting workshops; and sale of composters. Neil Fulton inquired about the progress of Act 148 outreach and asked that a copy of the 2nd quarter USDA Progress Report be made available to the board.

7. New Business

Tom K. mentioned that no District haulers have requested exemptions from collecting food scraps as of July 1, 2017.

A SWCRPC employee has asked to rent the GUV office/farm house while she looks for a suitable house to purchase, her current home having sold recently. Board members agreed that it would be beneficial to have the house occupied while awaiting its sale. Phil Swanson made a motion to approve the rental of the house on a month to month/at will basis; the motion was seconded by Vern Clifford. Motion carried.

8. Old Business

Neil Fulton asked for an update on the status of More Waste. They continue to not pay fees or taxes. Tom K. will ask SWCRPC lawyer, Chris Callahan, to focus on the issue and begin to take action. Marc Morgan, Lebanon Landfill Director, has agreed to deny access to MW if Marc has an official letter from GUV stating that the landfill is only open to haulers whose paid fees and taxes are current.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled on May 17, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Norwich Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ham Gillett