



Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

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FINAL

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

April 7, 2021
4:30 PM
Via Zoom

Board members present: Steve Willbanks (Strafford), Mary Gavin (Sharon), Neil Fulton (Norwich), Bob Stacey (Hartland), Bill Kerbin (Woodstock), George Spear (Bridgewater), Vern Clifford (Pomfret),

Guests: Troy McBride and Martha Staskus (Norwich Technologies)

Staff present: Tom Kennedy, Ham Gillett

Meeting convened at 4:30 PM.

1. Organizational Meeting - Election of Officers

Tom Kennedy asked for nominations for the position of Chair. Mary G. moved to nominate Neil Fulton. Steve Willbanks seconded. Tom K. took roll call vote. Motion carried. Neil F. asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Mary G. moved to nominate Steve Willbanks. Vern C. seconded. Tom K. took roll call. Motion carried. Mary G. moved to nominate Bob Stacey as Clerk. Bill K. seconded. Tom K. took roll call. Motion carried. Mary G. moved to nominate Tom Kennedy as Treasurer. Vern C. seconded. Tom K. took roll call. Motion carried.

2. Approve Minutes of March 17th, 2021 (enclosure)

Steve Willbanks moved to approve. George Spear seconded the motion. Tom K. took roll call vote. Motion passed.

3. Receive Operating Fund & OTS February 2021 Financial Statements (enclosure)

Tom K. reviewed the financials, pointing out that there are no concerns with the P&L. Grow Compost is not at the revised budgeted amount. Mary G. asked if Tom K. had spoken to Grow Compost about raising revenue. Tom stated that he had.

Tom K. reported that the Town of Hartland listers will be inspecting the GUV N. Hartland facility. Vern C. moved to accept the financials as presented. Steve W. seconded. Tom K. took roll call vote. Motion carried.

4. Board of Supervisor's List (enclosure)

Neil F. asked Tom K. if the list had been updated with terms set. Tom stated that the updates were complete.

5. Discussion with Norwich Technologies on Solar Applications

Troy McBride and Martha Staskus discussed the status of their application, updated the Board on the proposed 500 KW site and the 2.2 MW site.

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GMP Inter-connect Study – No issues except for increased expense due to there being hydro on site.
Capacity required to shut off in case of emergency.

ANR Report – Pending

Site Locations – Reviewed w/ Board. NT will need site control prior to submitting a bid. Board would need to approve the site locations. NT would like to receive approval by early May.

NT estimated a two-year start date for the 2.2 MW site and an earlier start date for the .5 MW site.

6. Old Business

Tom Kennedy reported that Casella is interested in developing a transfer station on the N. Hartland property, but they're not interested in a landfill. The Renaude Group needs more certainty of acceptance of their bid before investing \$100K in a study. They propose a minimum annual solid waste volume requirement of 200K tons per year in order to make the landfill economically viable.

Tom K. stated that he doesn't believe Vermont could generate 200K tons per year, and that Renaude would have to bring in MSW from out of state. Tom K. doesn't believe this is feasible.

Mary G. asked Tom K. if a landfill and a solar array are both feasible. Tom K. pointed out that if Norwich Technologies were to build a 2.2 MW solar array, they would take up 75% of the acreage required for a landfill. Tom will have maps created of the proposed landfill, transfer station, and solar arrays.

Bob S. added that, from the perspective of the Town of Hartland, he doesn't believe that the landfill would be an option at this time.

Neil F. asked Tom K. to summarize the recent meeting with Marc Morgan, Lebanon Landfill Manager, for the benefit of Board members who were not able to attend. Tom explained the plan by the landfill to move to a permitting system. Each GUV town would decide whether they want their residents and businesses to have access to the landfill. If so, each town will sign an agreement with the Town of Lebanon. Users of the landfill will then be required to obtain either a digital or hard copy permit from their town office, which will be required for entrance to the landfill. If a town chooses not to sign an agreement, no one from that town will be admitted to the landfill. A question arose regarding citizens who don't use a computer and/or don't have a credit or debit card. Tom K. questioned whether this process would constitute "flow control" by the City of Lebanon, and whether it would be legal.

Mary G. made a motion to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Steve W. A roll call vote was taken by Tom K. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM

Th next regular meeting date is June 16th, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ham Gillett and Tom Kennedy