



# Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

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[FINAL]

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

June 16, 2021  
4:30 PM  
Via Zoom

**Board members present:** Steve Willbanks (Strafford), Mary Gavin (Sharon), Neil Fulton (Norwich), Bob Stacey (Hartland), Bill Kerbin (Woodstock), Vern Clifford (Pomfret) - Departed 5:32pm, Gene Craft (Vershire) - Arrived 4:45pm

**Staff present:** Tom Kennedy, Ham Gillett

Meeting convened at 4:32 PM.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Steve W. moved to approve. Bob S. seconded. Tom K. took roll call. Motion carried.

### **2. Approve Minutes of April 7, 2021 (enclosure)**

Neil F. requested that the Election of Officers be adjusted to reflect the nomination of Steve Willbanks as Vice Chair; Bob Stacey as Clerk; and Tom Kennedy as Treasurer. The adjustments being made, Mary G. moved to approve. Vern C. seconded the motion. Tom K. took roll call vote. Motion carried.

### **3. Receive April 2021 Financial Statements (enclosure)**

Tom K. reviewed the financials, pointing out the continued “leakage” of GUV residents/businesses to the Lebanon Landfill and the subsequent loss of revenue to the District. Tom K. stated that as of January 1, 2022 he will no longer be the Executive Director of the MARC and will be devoting his time to managing GUVSWMD and SWWCSWMD. Tom K. made note of the fact that the District recently paid \$50,000 to the Town of Hartford for purchase of permits and punch cards for FY2021. The Town of Hartford, in turn, owes GUVSWMD a portion of that sum for a percentage of each card punch representing disposal of materials by GUV residents and businesses.

Neil F. suggested that discussion of the P&L Report be held later during the meeting. Mary G. moved to accept the Financial Statements as reported. Steve W. seconded. Tom K. took roll call vote. Motion carried.

### **4. Discussion of Access Closing to Ottauquechee River Due to Illegal Use**

Tom K. reported that there has been illegal dumping of furniture and other solid waste as well as drug paraphernalia near the river. Discussion followed regarding solutions including installation of a “heavy” gate and posts, posting “No Trespassing” signs, and installing a cable/chain to restrict vehicle access. It was noted that many people enjoy this access and do not abuse the privilege. The Board decided to install a cable and signage to restrict vehicle access. Steve W. moved to accept the decision. Gene C. seconded. Tom K. took roll call vote. Motion carried.

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**5. Discussion of Lease Approval with Norwich Technologies (NT) for 2.2 MW Facility (enclosure) and Update on 500 KW Application**

Tom K. stated that the 500 KW application is in place.

Neil F. has requested that the 2.2 MW agreement be signed by another member of the Administrative Committee since he will be out of town. Tom K. stated that the 2.2 MW installation will encompass most of the property for a potential landfill site, which would mean that consideration of a landfill would be delayed for 25 years.

Neil F. suggested that GUV would reap some benefits from future electricity rate increases, and that perhaps that should be added to the agreement.

Tom K. stated that there is a statewide lack of land for disposal of contaminated soil, which requires less land and no liner.

Mary G. Asked if there is a concern of dust from Twin State Gravel affecting the solar panels and would GUV be protected from liability. NT has stated that it could be a concern. The Board agreed that settlement of the issue would be between NT and TSG, not GUV.

Mary G. stated that \$1,000/acre doesn't seem like much for NT to pay GUV during a lengthy permitting process. Mary G. also asked if permitting could be delayed by the endangered plant research and the archeological dig. Tom K. stated that the stay has been released, therefore there should be no delay.

Bob S. moved to give permission to the Admin. Committee to enter into an agreement with NT, based on the discussion of the Board and the existing agreement. Mary G. seconded. Tom K. took roll call. Motion carried.

**6. Discussion of Draft Solid Waste Agreement with the City of Lebanon (enclosure)**

Tom K. pointed out that an active vote will be required by each GUV town selectboard in order to approve usage of the Lebanon Landfill by residents and businesses of each town.

Neil F. stated that the Town of Lebanon cannot terminate the existing 2000 agreement without replacing it with a new agreement. The new agreement needs to state explicitly that the new agreement supercedes all previous agreements.

Tom K. expressed his doubts that all the outstanding issues can be resolved, and all agreements signed in time for the September 1, 2021, start date.

Tom K. stated that he has reviewed the GUV attorney's concerns. and he offered to attend individual selectboard meetings for discussions of the agreement.

**7. Discussion of Lease Agreements with Agri-Cycle and Grow Compost of VT**

Tom K said he is having a discussion with Agri-Cycle about extending the existing lease from 5 to 7 years and incorporating the Grow Compost lease into the Agri-Cycle lease. The revised lease for the compost facility would be similar to the Agri-Cycle lease, in that it would have a minimum payment required.

The Town of Hartland has assessed the Organic Transfer Station and the property associated with the building at \$92,000.

**8. Update on Proposals Related to the Request for Information**

Tom K. reported that Renaud Brothers has pulled out and has no interest in pursuing discussions. Casella has expressed interest in constructing a transfer station for residents.

**9. FY2021 Grant and Completion of OTS Project (Water, Sewer, and Power)**

Tom K. reported that he is working on the grant.

**10. Recycling Coordinator's Report (enclosure)**

Ham G. reviewed the highpoints, including number of composters and kitchen pails sold; proposed 2021 Collection Event Schedule; VT DEC grant received by Town of West Fairlee; and meetings/webinars attended.

11. **Proposed Special Collection Schedule (enclosure)** - See above.

12. **Discussion of Meeting Format and FY 2022 Schedule**

Neil F. requested that “Tuesday, January 5, 2022” be corrected to “Wednesday, January 5, 2022.”

The Board discussed options for upcoming meetings. Tom K. stated that the next meeting will be “hybrid.” There will be at least one person from the Board who will be physically present. The Zoom option will remain an option. Tom K. will contact Dave Ormiston, Hartland Town Manager, regarding use of Damon Hall for the next meeting.

13. **Old Business**

Tom K. stated that if anyone has questions regarding ARPA of 2021, feel free to contact him.

14. **New Business** - None

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 5:51 PM

Th next regular meeting date is August 18, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Site to be confirmed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ham Gillett and Tom Kennedy