



Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

March 17, 2021

4:30 PM

Via Zoom

Board members present: Steve Willbanks (Strafford), Mary Gavin (Sharon), Neil Fulton (Norwich), Bob Stacey (Hartland), Bill Kerbin (Woodstock), Lynne Bertram (Bridgewater), George Spear (Bridgewater)
Guests: Daniel Bell (AgriCycle); Brent Lehouillier (Grow Compost)
Staff present: Tom Kennedy, Cynthia Porter, Ham Gillett

Meeting convened at 4:41 PM.

1. **Changes to the Agenda** - Neil Fulton asked Ham G. to review Recycoordinator's Report first; to change Item 6 to Item 1a. Tom K. requested to add a discussion of changes to Lebanon Landfill policies; change in BOS membership terms.

11. **Recycling Coordinator's Report** - Ham G. briefly reviewed the Report.

6. **Discussion with Grow Compost/Agri-Cycle on Operations in North Hartland**

Tom K. introduced Dan Bell from Agri-Cycle and Brent from Grow Compost. Dan gave a brief background to the project for new BOS members. He stated that COVID has decreased incoming volume, but AC is confident that they will achieve their projected numbers for the upcoming year. Dan also expressed the company's desire to work in Vermont as more facilities come on line.

Brent briefly described Grow Compost and their relationship with GUV at the North Hartland site, which he oversees. He added that GC currently serves all areas of Vermont except the Bennington area; all school districts except Bennington; and they hold a contract with the State. GC had a 25% increase in volume in 2020 despite the effects of COVID-19. GC is able to focus attention on N. Hartland compost site now that the Agri-Cycle hauling of packaged material is running smoothly. Power is needed in order to process liquid beer and dairy waste at the N. Hartland facility. Tom K. thanked Dan and Brent for taking the time to give background and updates.

2. **Approve FY22 Operating and Transfer Station and Compost Facility Budgets (enclosure)**

Tom K. gave an overview of the grant for the facility structure and apron, which he has closed out. An additional \$8,000 of leftover funding was received. Septic, exterior lighting, and power are still

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needed, as well as a used trailer. Tom K. has submitted the second part of the grant application to cover some of these expenses.

5. Accept the FY 20 Audit (Available on GUV website)

Cynthia P. and Tom K. reviewed the audit and reported that there were no outstanding issues.

Cynthia also gave a brief explanation of the audit for new BOS members.

Mary G. made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Bob S. seconded. Tom K. took a roll call vote. Motion carried.

4. Receive the January 2021 Financials (enclosure)

Tom K. and Cynthia P. reviewed the P&L Report and the Balance Sheet.

Bill K. made a motion to accept the Financials as presented. Mary G. seconded. Tom K. took a roll call vote. Motion carried.

3. Approve minutes of January 5, 2021 (enclosure)

Mary G. moved to accept the January 5, 2021 minutes. Steve W. seconded. Tom K. took a roll call vote. Motion carried.

7. Update on RFI Responses (enclosures)

Tom K. reported that Casella is not interested in constructing a landfill at the N. Hartland site due to their existing facility in Coventry. Casella is interested in pursuing construction of a transfer station.

After some discussion with the Executive Committee, the “Renaud Group” will focus on a specific proposal and return to the committee with that proposal. They requested that GUV represent their proposal to the State. The BOS expressed no interest in that request.

8. Discussion of Special Collections during COVID

Tom K. suggested that GUV hold no collection events until after July 1 at the earliest, due to the ongoing pandemic. The Board agreed.

Bob S. moved to accept the proposal. Mary G. seconded. Tom K. took a roll call vote. Motion carried.

9. Green Up Day Collections and Request by a Town that GUV pay for collection costs

(See Item 8.) Tom K. reported that GUV had been asked by one town Green Up Day representative to pay that town’s tipping fee at the Lebanon Landfill. It was determined that this had not been the policy in the past and that the current policy would stand. Ham G. will contact the individual and Mary G. will reach out as well. There was a consent of the Board. No motion required.

10. Update on Solar Facility Application

Tom K. reported that he had spoken with Norwich Technologies regarding their application for a 2.2 MW array. The footprint of their proposed project would overlap with that of a proposed landfill site. Tom K. will contact NT and explain the situation, suggesting that they hold off on a revised proposal until GUV receives proposals for a landfill in June. At this point, GUV will be able to offer an option.

12. New Business

Tom K. announced that there will be no more staggered terms for BOS representatives. Reps should inform their individual towns that they need to be re-appointed. Each town should inform GUV of the official change. If any representative wishes to step down, s/he should contact Tom K. directly.

3. **Old Business** - None

An organizational meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on June 16, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kennedy and Ham Gillett