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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

4:30 PM

Norwich Town Hall

Norwich, VT

Board members present by Phone:

Vern Clifford (Pomfret)

Board members present at the Norwich Town Hall

Neil Fulton (Norwich)

Steve Wilbanks (Stratford)

Bob Stacey (Hartland)

Kevin Kish (Sharon)

Gene Craft (Vershire)

Staff present: Tom Kennedy (GUV District Manager)

Visitors: Lisa Ransom and Scott Baugham from Grow Compost:

Kevin Elnicki and Thomas Schmelzenbach from Earth, Waste, and Metal

Neil Fulton performed a roll call vote and it was determined that there was a quorum. The meeting was called to order by Neil Fulton at 4:38 PM.

1. Approve minutes of June 4, 2017

Bob Stacey made a motion to approve the minutes; Steve Wilbanks seconded the motion. The chairman asked for a roll call. The roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Receive the May 2017 Treasurer's Report

Tom Kennedy told the Board that we are 92% of the way through the fiscal year. He said total income was 86.3% with expenditures at 76.2% resulting in net income of \$43,297.83. Mr. Kennedy was tracking closely with the budgeted line items. The major difference was on the expenditure side. He stated that the Regional Planning Commission's (RPC) contract with the District was under budget by a significant amount due to the fact that the RPC has been using USDA grant funds to pay for expenses. Mr. Kennedy discussed the balance sheet, stating that receivables were slightly higher than normal - a function of reflecting the end of the quarter - but no cause for concern. He also informed the Board that More Waste has begun a repayment plan with the District. The District reached a settlement agreement with More Waste after taking legal action against the hauler. Mr. Kennedy hopes More Waste will follow through with the agreement. He stated that there was not anything notable regarding the balance sheet.

3. Distribution of FY 18 Meeting Schedule

Tom Kennedy passed out the meeting schedule for FY 18, asking the Supervisors if they saw any potential conflicts. The Supervisors will check their calendars.

4. **Discussion of the Solar Project**

Tom Kennedy told the Board that Kirk Shields from Green Mountain Power (GMP) could not attend the meeting but he sent an email to him explaining GMP's rationale for discontinuing the project. Mr. Kennedy said that there was simply not enough transmission capacity to support the power that would be generated by the solar project. Mr. Kennedy also stated that GMP was not optimistic that the present infrastructure could support a project at that location which would be financially feasible.

5. **Update from Grow Compost on the Compost Facility**

The Board was updated on the facility. Lisa Ransom said they had applied for their permit and are waiting on the Department of Environmental Conservation. They also said that with the demise of the solar project, they would be moving the facility to the upper pasture. The upper pasture has a gentler slope and is closer to Quarry Road. She provided the Board with a site plan map of the proposed facility. Tom told the Board that he and Neil are negotiating the land lease and will hopefully have it completed soon. Lisa said that once Grow Compost has all their permits, they will begin project construction.

Gene Kraft made a motion authorizing the Administrative Committee to enter into a lease agreement with Grow Compost paying the District 20% of the revenue from the collection and delivery of organics that enter the compost site. The District would also receive 10% of the revenue from the retail sales of the compost. Steve Wilbanks seconded the motion. Neil Fulton performed a roll call vote with all the Supervisors voting in favor of the motion.

6. **Discussion with Earth Waste and Metal Regarding Opening a Small Landfill on GUV Property**

Kevin Elnicki from Earth Waste said that his company is interested in working with the District to look into the feasibility of opening a landfill on the permitted site the District owns. He told the Board he has been in the waste and recycling business for a long time. He owned a landfill in Tennessee that recently sold. He owns and operates a number of transfer stations and scrap metal operations in Vermont and New York. He said he is interested in the GUV site because there are very few permitted landfills in Vermont and he would like to expand his business to the eastern side of the state.

The Board asked him about how he would utilize the landfill and questioned whether it could be profitable at the permitted amount which is 50,000 tons per year. The Board asked Mr. Elnicki to provide them with a letter of credit or a similar financial instrument that shows they have the resources to build a facility. Mr. Elnicki said he would provide the board with the requested information.

7. **Old Business**

Mr. Kennedy reported that the GUV North Hartland property has been sold. The closing was on July 17th. The net proceeds for the house were \$148,941.13

Mr. Kennedy told the Board that the Hartland Town Clerk is no longer interested in being the Treasurer for the District. Mr. Kennedy suggested that he be allowed to sign checks, along with another supervisor. He said that he uses this procedure at the Regional Planning Commission and it has worked well. Neil Fulton asked that Mr. Kennedy provide the Board of Supervisors with the Regional Planning Commission's Accounting Procedures as well a letter/memo from the auditor.

Adopt FY 18 Work Program – tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kennedy