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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

4:30 PM

Tracy Hall, Norwich, VT

Board members present:

Stephen Willbanks (Strafford)
Phil Swanson (Woodstock)
Bob Stacey (Hartland)
Gene Craft (Vershire)
Mary Gavin (Sharon)
Neil Fulton (Norwich)

Staff present: Tom Kennedy (GUV District Manager)

Visitors: Lincoln Lande and Rod Viens Gro-Solar

Chair, Neil Fulton, opened the meeting of the Board of Supervisors at 4:37 PM

1. **Changes to Agenda:** Nominations for Chair; Appointment of Tom Kennedy as District Manager; Addition of an executive session

Steve Wilbanks made a motion to nominate Neil Fulton as Chair of the District. Mary Gavin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Gavin made a motion to appoint Tom Kennedy as District Manager. The motion was seconded by Bob Stacey. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of April 5, 2017 Minutes**

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

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

Tom Kennedy reviewed the financials with the Board. He stated that income and expenses were close to budgeted amount. He noted that the income from the USDA grant is zero because all of the expenses are being shouldered by the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties District. On the expenses side, the line item for the contract with Regional Planning Commission is less than anticipated because some of its expense is being paid for by the USDA grant. Tom K. stated that the balance sheet is fairly typical for this time of year and that he has no concerns. He reported that the GUV budget is in good shape year to date. Phil Swanson made a motion to receive the financials; the motion was seconded by Gene Craft. Motion carried.

4. **Discussion of siting issues with the solar project.**

Tom Kennedy introduced Rod Viens and Lincoln Lande from Gro-Solar. Tom reported that they finally have a site plan based on both topography and surveyed points. He showed the Board the new site plan, stating that the revised site plan encroaches upon land designated for the landfill. Rod Viens said that a portion of the land initially proposed for the solar facility was either blocked by trees, included poor topography, or would need a considerable amount of site work to make it conducive for solar. Board members asked if the facility could be reduced in size to lessen the impact on the landfill site. They were told that the inter-connect costs for this project were so high that a reduction in project size would render it financially infeasible. Members also asked what the cost might be if the District wanted to break the contract after 25 years. They were informed that the District would have to pay millions of dollars to terminate the lease.

5. **Executive Session**

Phil Swanson made a motion to enter Executive Session under 1 VSA 312(a). The motion was seconded by Mary Gavin. The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:07. The Board exited Executive Session at 5:26. No action was taken.

6. **Update on Compost Facility**

Tom Kennedy said he is working with Gro-Compost on developing the Act 250 application. The original start date of July 1, 2017 is most likely not going to occur.

7. **New Business**

Town Action of Supervisors and Alternate: Tom K. asked all the Supervisors to make sure that their respective town clerks return the District form identifying their Supervisor and Alternate.

Truck Usage by Southern Windsor District: Tom K asked if the Southern Windsor District could use the truck and pay for mileage, he suggested .75 cents per mile. Concerns were raised about putting a lot of miles on the truck, usage of the truck should be limited to 1000 miles per year. Tom was asked to come up with a schedule for the Board to consider.

Changes to Organics Collection Timeline: Tom K. informed the Board that the legislature changed the timeline for the hauler requirement to offer food scrap collection services to residential, subscription customers from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2018.

Update on Green Up Day: Tom K. said that he would like to make some changes to some of the services the District offers to towns on Green Up Day. He said that bulb, tire and electronic collections on the same day as Green Up Day don't make a lot of sense and he would like to discuss possible changes at a future meeting.

HHW Collection in Hartford on June 3, 2017 Tom reminded the Board of the upcoming HHW collection.

8. Old Business

Tom Kennedy said he received a low ball offer of \$105,000.00 on the house and rejected the offer. He asked the Board for their floor price and was told an offer of \$145,000.00 would be acceptable.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled on July 19, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. at the Norwich Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Kennedy