

Souhegan Regional Landfill District

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SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

December 7, 2023

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Mont Vernon fire station meeting room at 5:01pm. Members attending were Eric Slosek, Dan Veilleux, Joan Cudworth, Jack Esposito, & Guy Wadsworth. Also attending were Dennis Slocomb & Debra Quinlan.

CITIZENS FORUM – N/A

2024 PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW – Bruce asked the other members how much their towns will be increasing their employees' pay for the upcoming year. All said 3.5% to 4%. It was decided to increase the Administration line by 4%.

Eric provided an estimate of \$15,000 - \$20,000 for the engineer to identify the source of the contamination and to come up with a solution. He suggested that the \$50,000 budget line for Stormwater could be reduced. Others thought that it should be kept at \$50,000 to be conservative. It was decided to move \$25,000 from Stormwater to Contingency.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2023 – Dan made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Guy seconded, and Jack abstained. All others voted in favor.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2023 – Dan made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Guy seconded, Jack, Joanie, & Eric abstained. All others voted in favor.

UPDATE BY TOWN

AMHERST – Eric reported that packer 2 is operational.

BROOKLINE – Guy had nothing to report.

HOLLIS – Joanie reported that the town will wait one more year to do an engineering study.

MONT VERNON – Jack said that all is fine.

RECYCLING UPDATE

Dennis provided the following prices for November:

Mixed Paper – \$5/ton

Cardboard - \$65/ton

Newspaper - \$115/ton

Aluminum - \$0.30/ton

Dennis mentioned that he was told about a location in Foxborough that will supposedly take glass at no charge. He will look into it.

SLOCOMB REPORT/ EQUIPMENT UPDATE

Dennis suggested that the SRLD consider purchasing two new boxes, one for packer 3 in Amherst and one spare. He will get prices for the next meeting.

Bruce also asked that he put together an estimate for refurbishing the compactor.

OPERATIONS REVIEW – N/A – Some trash was taken to MA in November, so the breakdown by town was not available.

DAN'S STATE OF THE STATE – Dan reported that there was a bottle bill introduced. He does not expect it to pass.

PAYABLES - All members reviewed the current invoices. Joanie made a motion to approve payment of those invoices and Jack seconded. All voted in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

LANDFILL LOW SPOTS – Dennis has not heard from Don.

FIXED ASSET DATA SHEETS – Dan mentioned that he has them and just needs to give them to Deb.

TD BANK CDS – Deb provided the current rates for CDs at TD Bank. She will confirm whether or not those rates would be reduced by fees.

SPARE MOTORS – Dennis had no new information.

NEW TRAILER – Dennis had no new information.

MEETING DAY/WEEK – Bruce asked if everyone would be able to meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month going forward rather than the 1st Thursday. Jack mentioned that he has another commitment at 7:00pm on that day.

Joanie made a motion to move the monthly SRLD meeting to 5:00pm on the second Thursday of each month starting in January and to continue to rotate the location through all four member towns. Guy seconded and all voted in favor.

MONT VERNON ELECTRICAL WORK – Bruce reviewed the responsibilities of the town vs. those of the SRLD and explained that the Amherst electrical work will be covered by the SRLD this time only because the town already paid for an upgrade. He did not think that the situation in Mont Vernon was the same.

NREL – Eric reported that he had met with some reps from the NREL and was very impressed. He explained that they have offered to provide 40 hours of technical assistance and he asked for the board’s input regarding how they should focus their efforts. He mentioned “pay as you throw” or an overall study as possible options.

Joanie made a motion to ask the NREL to look at the infrastructure of all four towns, potential growth in the future, and to determine what the SRLD can do better. Jack seconded and all voted in favor.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Joanie made a motion to open the public hearing. Dan seconded, and all voted in favor. The public budget hearing was opened at 5:42 pm. The 2024 budget amount was announced to be \$1,642,296. There were no comments from the public.

Dan moved to close the public hearing. Joanie seconded, and all voted in favor. The public budget hearing was closed at 5:43 pm.

Dan moved to adopt the 2024 budget in the amount of \$1,642,296.00. Guy seconded, and all voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

SRLD STORAGE – Deb mentioned that Pat Delisle had contacted her about the boxes of old SRLD files currently being stored at the Amherst DPW. She’s trying to clean out the storage area and asked what to do with those boxes. Guy offered to store them, and he and others offered to help look through the boxes to determine which documents could be discarded. Deb will contact Vachon Clukay for their advice.

NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 11th at 5:00pm in Brookline.

Dan made a motion to adjourn & Guy seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Quinlan

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