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SOUHEGAN REGIONAL LANDFILL DISTRICT

December 11, 2025

Bruce Bowler, Chairman, called the Meeting of the Souhegan Regional Landfill District to order in the Amherst fire station at 4:38pm. Members attending were Joan Cudworth, Frank Powers, Guy Wadsworth, Eric Slosek, Jack Esposito, Dan Veilleux, & Scott Leard. Also attending were Nick Sizemore & Debra Quinlan.

2026 PROPOSED BUDGET REVIEW – Joanie made a motion to add a 3% COLA increase to Administration, Guy seconded, and all others voted in favor.

The board discussed how to handle the solid waste surcharge that will take effect on January 1st. It was decided to include just the estimated expense in the budget with no offsetting reimbursement income. The towns will keep any reimbursement they receive. Deb will write a letter explaining the surcharge to the towns. It was also decided to carry over an additional \$30,000 of prior-year excess operating revenue.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

Joanie made a motion to open the public hearing, Eric seconded, and all others voted in favor. The public budget hearing was opened at 5:00 pm. There were no comments from the public. Joanie moved to close the public hearing, Frank seconded, and all others voted in favor. The public budget hearing was closed at 5:01 pm.

Eric moved to adopt the 2026 budget in the amount of \$2,257,152.50, Jack seconded, and all others voted in favor.

CITIZENS FORUM – N/A

- **PAYABLES** All members reviewed the current invoices. Joanie made a motion to approve payment of those invoices, Guy seconded the motion, and all others voted in favor.
- MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2025 Jack pointed out that the date on the draft minutes was November 12th but should be the 13th. Deb will change the date to November 13th. Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as revised, Frank seconded, and all others voted in favor.
- MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025 Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Frank seconded and all others voted in favor.
- MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 20, 2025 Joanie made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Frank seconded and all others voted in favor.

UPDATE BY TOWN

<u>HOLLIS</u> – Joanie reported that a DC Slocomb employee had a heart attack and died at the transfer station during non-business hours. She also mentioned that she met with Nick & his team at the site.

MONT VERNON – Jack reported that all is fine.

BROOKLINE - Scott said all is fine.

<u>AMHERST</u> – Eric had nothing to report.

RECYCLING UPDATE – Dennis was not in attendance.

SLOCOMB REPORT / EQUPMENT UPDATE – Dennis was not in attendance.

OPERATIONS REVIEW – Deb provided the following trash figures for November:

	Tons	<u>Trips</u>	Ave Tons/Trip
Amherst	185.50	10	18.55
Brookline	113.12	8	14.14
Hollis	171.39	11	15.58
Mont Vernon	63.10	6	10.52

DAN'S STATE OF THE STATE – Dan had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

<u>LANDFILL HOSE REPAIR / LEACHATE PUMPING</u> – Sickler still hasn't been to the site yet. Bruce will call again.

<u>GROUNDWATER MONITORING CONSULTANT</u> – Eric contacted some potential consultants and two Tomforde Environmental Services & Hydro-Geo Chemical Solutions, are currently working on estimates.

<u>TRANSFER STATION SAFETY CONCERNS</u> – Bruce hasn't heard back from Rob. He will call again.

NEW BUSINESS

<u>TRASH CONTRACT</u> – Drummond Woodsum provided a trash hauling contract and a notice to proceed.

Dan made a motion to authorize the chair to sign the contract and then let Nick Sizemore review & sign it on his own time. Guy seconded and all others voted in favor.

Eric went through the 1st several contract paragraphs with Nick to be sure he understood the differences between the contract and some of the terms in the original RFP. The changes were based on decisions made at the previous meeting and Nick said that he was aware of them.

<u>KEYS & EQUIPMENT</u> – Deb will contact Dennis Slocomb regarding the return of keys and any SRLD equipment in his yard.

<u>NEW HOLLIS COMPACTOR</u> – Joanie received a quote of \$192,349 from Maquire for a new Marathon compactor.

<u>RECYCLING</u> – Dan made a motion to allow Deb & Joanie to determine recycling locations for next 3 months. Eric seconded and all others voted in favor.

NEXT MEETING – The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 8th at 5:00pm in Hollis.

ADJOURN – Joanie made a motion to adjourn and Guy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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