

Solid Waste Alliance Communities
SWAC

November 17, 2011

Representatives Present: Gary Congdon – Chittenden; James O’Gorman – RCSWD;
Steve Sgorbati – Chair –Sudbury; Stan Wilbur – Tinmouth; Charles Shields – Rutland Town;
Karen Barber – Benson; John Garrison – West Haven; Lenny Gibson-Pawlet; Bonnie Rosati –
Clerk – Fair Haven; Deane Wilson-RCSWD; Pam Clapp – SWAC Administrator

Steve Sgorbati, Chair-Sudbury called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Rutland County Solid Waste District Conference Room.

Minutes of May 19, 2011

Charlie Shields moved to Board to accept the minutes as written. Seconded by Stan Wilbur. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Bonnie Rosati – Treasurer – Fair Haven reported that three accounts had been open on May 27, 2011.

Account 1, is a SWIP Re-write and emergency expense savings account that was opened with \$6,000. Since being opened the account has accrued \$13.06 in dividends and as of October 31, 2011 has a balance of \$6,013.06.

Account 2 is an Operating fund savings account opened with \$8,000. As of October 31, 2011 it has accrued \$4.37 in dividends. Funds flow from this account into the checking account to pay bills. As of October 31, 2011 there is a balance of \$4,519.81.

Account 3 is a checking account that was opened with \$2,000. As of November 16, 2011 there is a balance of \$2,998.85 in the checking account.

Bills outstanding, to be paid by the end of the year, are the fall HHW bill in the amount of \$3,209.71 and Pam Clapp’s invoices for November and December 2011.

Revenue due but not yet received from towns totals \$4,735.28. This includes dues and the fall HHW. The state grant payment of \$6,033 should be received in January 2012.

As of November 16, 2012 total operating funds available were \$4,755.76. There is no cash flow problem at this point.

Charlie Shields moved the Board to accept the Treasurer’s report. Gary Congdon seconded, Motion carried.

Household Hazardous Waste Breakdown for 2011

Pam Clapp sent the breakdowns out by email before the meeting.

Schedule HHW Events for 2012

Jim O’Gorham, RCSWD, reviewed the draft HHW schedule and made changes. Fair Haven was scheduled for May 26, a day the Transfer Station closes at noon and added a fall event for Fair Haven.

Pam asked if oversized laminated HHW signs that would list all of the events and remain up all year would increase participation. Consensus was they would not make a difference. The sign boards seem to be working.

Homeowner insulation kits have become a problem. They cannot be put on the metal pile. Any material left in the tanks is a carcinogen. This issue has been brought to the attention of the state. This kits cost anywhere from \$250 to \$800 to dispose of as hazardous waste.

Zero Sort Recycling Opportunities at the Rutland Materials Recovery facility
Discussion by Deane Wilson – Rutland County Solid Waste District.

At this point numbers have not been finalized.

Mr. Wilson used Holden, MA as an example where in three months recycling increased by 10 % when they switched to zero sort. However the articles on Holden do not include any numbers.

The District will be looking at all the numbers including tonnage of all recyclables and compare those to what towns are receiving now in revenue. Towns need to look a loss of revenue stream, potential reductions in disposal cost, increase/decrease in pulls of MSW as well as recyclables.

The District has not promoted zero sort to towns as a complete analysis of the numbers has not been completed.

Pam Clapp will be pulling all the town numbers together and meeting with Randy Dracon in the next few weeks. Cost is going to depend on how much is being sent and what is being sent. At this point paper is not going to be required to be included but it might cost more for disposal without it.

Revenue from single sort will be substantially less than towns are receiving now.

Mr. Wilson indicated a formula needs to be developed to compare source separated with single sort.

One problem with single sort is residuals may be as high as 8 to 10 percent while source separated is about 3 percent.

If a town switches to single sort it is recommended that there be two compactors, one for MSW and one for recyclables. Recyclables should be compacted as much as possible to reduce the number of pulls and increase the tonnage of each pull. Some transfer stations do not have 3 phase power which is needed for the compactors.

A 40 yard container of recyclables not compacted might be one to two tons. If compacted might be six to seven ton.

Mr. Wilson indicated there is an industry wide formula that is used to determine how much of each commodity you have based on weight.

Under single sort hauling rates should not change but processing rates will.

Pam will get numbers that include if a town keeps paper and if they include paper.

New Electronics Legislation

One issue is that non covered items such as vacuums, toasters and air conditioners are being put in with electronics. People do not understand what electronics are.

Fair Haven has the largest volume of the SWAC towns with a pickup every two weeks.

One suggestion to educate people is to put a sign about what is accepted on each Gaylord.

SWAC Budget for 2012

Total 2012 budget is \$29,991.08 up \$908.80 over the 2011 budget.

The 2011 per capita rate was \$2.04. The 2012 per capita rate will be \$2.10.

The \$2,000 reserve account line has been eliminated.

The budget increase is due to giving Pam Clapp, SWAC Administrator a pay increase, the first in 10 years.

Pam Clapp reported that the VLCT insurance is not going up but it is not going down but will research other insurance.

Charlie Shields moved the Board to adopt the budget as presented. Stan Wilbur seconded. Motion carried.

New/Other Business/ Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting will be May 17, 2012 at 6:00. Location to be determined.

Charlie Shields moved the Board to adjourn. Karen Barber seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:15 pm Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Rosati - Secretary