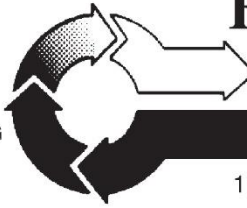


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DISTRICT BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES MEETING MINUTES January 15, 2020

Representatives and Alternates Present: Justin Lawrence – Bernardston; Andrea Donlon – Buckland; Marguerite Willis – Charlemont; Jonathan Lagreze – Colrain; Lynn Rubinstein – Conway; MA Swedlund – Deerfield; Arthur Cohen – Gill; Bob Root – Hawley; Hilma Sumner – Heath; Chris Boutwell – Montague; Bob MacEwen – Northfield; Priscilla Curtis – Orange; Terry Narkewicz – Shelburne; Michael Mankowsky – Warwick; Doug Tanner – Wendell; Larry Kuttner – Whately

Representatives Absent: Jay Healy – Charlemont; Reenie Clancy – Deerfield; Pete Sanders – Erving; Annette Herda – Leverett; Ed Billiel - Orange; Tom Fydenkevez – Sunderland; David Koester – Warwick; Quint Dawson – Whately

Others Present: Jan Ameen – Executive Director; Amy Donovan – Program Director; Stephanie Meehleder – Administrative Assistant

The meeting was held at 117 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Greenfield. It was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

I. Review and Accept Minutes: A motion was made by Chris Boutwell and seconded by Priscilla Curtis to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2019 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

II. FY21 Budget (Public Hearing): Motion to open Public Hearing was made by Jonathan Lagreze at 6:10 p.m. Comments and questions on the FY21 Budget. Jan sent out requests for public comment prior to this meeting and she received one positive comment. Nothing has changed from the original proposal from November. Motion to adopt the FY21 budget as presented was made by Lynn Rubinstein and seconded by Marguerite Willis. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to close Public Hearing portion of the meeting made by Chris Boutwell and seconded by M.A. Swedlund. Motion passed unanimously. Jonathan Lagreze closed Public Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

III. Update on Recycling Contract: Jan updated the board on the discussions she's been having with legal counsel, DEP and Waste Management about certain language that still needs to be included in the contract. An extensive discussion continued with the board. Negotiations will continue and the towns will be updated. Jan still recommends that towns sign the contract and send it back to this office. Any changes will be submitted as an amendment to the contract.

IV. Executive Director's Report: Jan is working on the Prevailing Wage rate for the transfer station hauling contract. If the Department of Labor Standards says the rate is still \$43/hr. (which is the Teamsters Heavy Construction Rate), she will appeal to the Commissioner. If he doesn't support us, she will take the appeal to Superior Court. The new regional bid for a long-term disposal contract has been locked in. The contract for hauling and disposal of sludge is due to expire. Bid documents have been drafted for 2-year sludge hauling and

a 3-year transfer station hauling contract due to be released January 20, 2020. The District received \$10,000 for training for OSHA issues at transfer stations. Lynn Rose has been hired to develop the training. Jan reviewed the September household hazardous waste report and the October Clean Sweep report. See the full Executive Director's report for additional information.

V. Program Director's Report: Amy is currently working with Deerfield Elementary, Mohawk H.S., Bement, Conway and Colrain schools on composting programs. The Conway transfer station has become the 10th in the county to collect compost which brings the participation rate to 55%. RDP funds can be used to pay for the compost dumpster. She is currently working with Griswold Memorial Library to plan a series of 3 presentations/workshops on trash, recycling and composting in 2020. She is willing to work with any other town library which is interested. Amy has been working with the Greater Quabbin Food Alliance, Food Waste Recovery Subcommittee presenting a series of waste diversion workshops in Orange, Turners Falls and Phillipston. Members of Drawdown Montague have joined and have been working with Turners Falls businesses to encourage participation in compost programs with Compost Co-Op and Franklin County Department of Corrections whose programs help provide employment to those who were incarcerated. See the full Program Director's report for additional information.

VI. Town Reports / New Business / Schedule Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be May 20, 2020.

M.A. Swedlund moved to adjourn the meeting and Chris Boutwell seconded. Passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The following written materials were used at the meeting:

- Executive Director's Report
- Program Director's Report
- Town Transfer Station Permit fees and PAYT Bag Fees
- Household Hazardous Waste Collection Report September 2019
- Clean Sweep Collection Report October 2019