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**Addison County Solid Waste Management District
Minutes
Board of Supervisors Meeting No. 335
Thursday, July 20, 2023, 7:00 PM
District Conference Room, 1223 Rte. 7S, Middlebury, VT 05753
and Virtual Meeting on Zoom**

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting was called to order by Tim Wickland, Chair at 7:00 PM on July 20, 2023. Present:

Town	Vote	Supervisor/Alternate	Town	Vote	Supervisor/Alternate
<i>Addison</i>	1	Bill Munoff	<i>Orwell</i>	1	
<i>Bridport</i>	1	Edward Payne	<i>Panton</i>	1	Paul Sokal
<i>Bristol</i>	2	Valerie Capels	<i>Ripton</i>	1	Jay Harrington
<i>Cornwall</i>	1	Jean Raymond	<i>Salisbury</i>	1	
<i>Ferrisburgh</i>	2	David Olson	<i>Shoreham</i>	1	
<i>Goshen</i>	1	Annina Seiler	<i>Starksboro</i>	1	Susan Jeffries
<i>Leicester</i>	1	Richard Reed	<i>Vergennes</i>	2	Cheryl Brinkman
<i>Lincoln</i>	1	Bill Finger	<i>Waltham</i>	1	
<i>Middlebury</i>	4	Diane Mott (in person)	<i>Weybridge</i>	1	Tim Wickland
<i>Monkton</i>	1	Deborah Gaynor	<i>Whiting</i>	1	Eric Zuesse
<i>New Haven</i>	1	Patrick Palmer (in person)			
<i>Staff:</i>		Teresa Kuczynski (TK), District Mgr.; Patti Johnson (PJ), Business Mgr.; Don Maglienti (Don), Program Manager; Emily Johnston (EJ), Public Outreach Coordinator; Gabriella Stevens (GS), AmeriCorps member	<i>Guests:</i>		

2. APPROVE THE AGENDA –

Motion #1: D.Mott moved to approve the agenda. S.Jefferies seconded the motion.

VOTE on Motion #1: Yes –18 (Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Middlebury (4), Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Chair opened the public comment period.

4. MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MEETING NO. 334 –

Motion #2: E.Zuesse moved to approve the minutes of meeting No. 334. D.Mott seconded the motion.

VOTE on Motion #2: Yes –19 (Addison, Bridport, Cornwall, Ferrisburgh (2), Goshen, Middlebury (4), Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton, Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.

6. FINANCIAL REPORTS –

a. April & May 2023 Financial Reports and Single Stream Recycling Reports – PJ presented the May Financials showing a net gain of \$3,232. May 2023 tonnage of 2,208 was 290 tons below May 2022. YTD tonnage was 119 tons lower than YTD2022. The total of 6,465 transactions in May 2023 was 599

1 higher than in 2022, and YTD2023 transactions of 23,954 were 2,872 higher than YTD2022. The 375 tons
2 of single stream recyclables received at the Transfer Station in May 2023 were 24 tons higher than May
3 2022. The 1,749 YTD tons were 29 tons higher than YTD2022. In May, 38 tons of tires were hauled, and
4 YTD2023, the 130 tons collected were 15 tons lower than YTD2022. 9.07 tons of Food Scraps were
5 hauled from the Transfer Station in May. YTD2023 tons were 2.65 tons higher than YTD2022. E.Payne
6 asked why we have so many charts in the financial reports? C.Brinkman asked that the in-District/out-of-
7 District chart be deleted in the next financial reports.

8 **b. Comparison of Fees. SWM Districts and Alliances June 2023** – TK prepared a chart comparing our
9 District Fee with other districts/alliances in the Vt. Solid Waste District Mgrs. Association (VSWDMA).
10 Some entities charge a surcharge (fee) only on disposal; some use a combination of surcharge and per capita
11 assessment; others rely on per capita only. The formula converts the per capita into equivalent tonnage in order
12 to compare it with District surcharges. Some total disposal tip fees exceed the District's. Some charge an
13 annual fee or sticker fee. Others, such as our District, charge a small admin. fee at the gate. E.Zuesse asked to
14 see the local impacts of the rates that each District/Alliance charges. TK explained that there are too many
15 variations in bag fees and other fees to compare the impact of other rates.

16 **c. Municipal Diversion Grant Applications** – None Received.

17 **d. School Diversion Grant Applications** – None Received.

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19 **7. New Business:**

20 **a. Report on Operations during Flood Event, Clean-up** – The District Transfer Station was able to
21 remain open last week, despite the temporary closure of Coventry Landfill on Monday due to road
22 flooding. The challenge was how to stockpile the C&D while prioritizing trailer capacity for the MSW.
23 Dennis Fekert at the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) gave us permission to stockpile on the tip floor,
24 as MBI's trailers were at the landfill, disrupting hauling service. Two of our recycling trailers were stuck at
25 the Rutland MRF, but we had the new trailer to hook up to the compactor. Most of the hauls have now
26 resumed, and we have caught up with moving our stockpiled C&D and recyclables from last week;
27 however, MBI hauls are falling behind. If we have to stockpile C&D on the tip floor again, I will let
28 Dennis know. ANR has been very helpful in coordinating statewide flood relief virtual meetings. Gov.
29 Scott allowed certification limits of the Coventry Landfill and transfer stations to extend operating hours
30 and weekend days, and to increase the daily maximum received and stored onsite in our certs. The
31 District's policy: (1) Accept flood area materials generated within District towns and out-of-District
32 towns, and charge for items as we do now. (2) Accept clean-outs of MSW and C&D from contractors,
33 residents and haulers, and charge for items as we do now. (3) Accept HHW generated in out-of-District
34 towns at no charge but keep track of our costs. Businesses will be charged. (4) Accept wastes such as
35 fluorescent lamps, batteries, E-waste, appliances, textiles, books, and charge as we normally do now. (5)
36 As one of 7 VT Emergency Plan designated staging areas for clean wood & brush, we will accept it from
37 any generator. We are also a state collection site for E-Waste and paint. (6) If a customer such as a town
38 government calls or shows up and wants to have consideration of no charge for flood debris/townwide
39 cleanup, staff will direct their calls to me or will have them stop in the office to see me. As the only one
40 authorized to provide waivers, I will deal with those requests on a case-by-case basis. (7) Until our tire
41 bunker is cleaned out by BDS, we cannot accept tires from flood areas due to lack of space. (8) Please let
42 me know if any of our towns call for assistance with any aspect of recycling, disposal, HHW, etc.
43 We have offered our services to collect HHW and bring it back to our HazWaste Center for towns that
44 need the help. Don reported on the service that he and Gary Hobbs provided to the Central VT SWMD
45 today to collect a large amount of E-waste in the District's box truck. Costs are eligible for FEMA
46 reimbursement as long as we keep detailed records of supplies, labor, and disposal.

47 **b. ACSWMD Diversion Report 2023** – Don outlined staff's recent efforts to complete the District's
48 SWIP Implementation Report, which was due on July 1, as well as the calculation of the District's waste
49 diversion percentage, which staff completes every other year despite no longer being required by
50 ANR. District staff, primarily EJ and GS, AmeriCorps member, contacted hundreds of area businesses
51 over the past several months to gather waste diversion information covering a large variety of material
52 types to calculate the diversion rate. The District's diversion rate is currently at 54%, four points below the
53 previous diversion rate of 58% but still exceeding the 50% goal established by Act 148 in 2012. Since the
54 rate is based off waste tonnages from the previous calendar year, we are comparing waste generation and

1 diversion efforts from CY2022 for the 54% rate, and CY2020 for the 58% rate. One major reason for the
2 lower diversion rate this year is the increase in MSW tonnage by more than 1,800 tons over CY2020. As
3 CY2020 was the first year of the pandemic, we can assume that waste tonnages were lower due to reduced
4 economic activity. The CY2012 per capita disposal rate was also higher at 2.03 lbs. per capita v. the 1.82
5 lbs. per capita rate in CY2020 but remained below the state goal of 2.69 lbs. or less per capita.

6 **c. H.67, Extended Producer Responsibility for HHW, Signed Into Law** – Exciting news: Gov. Scott
7 signed H.67, Vermont’s first EPR for HHW law! Manufacturers of HHW will have to register and form a
8 Producer Responsibility Org. (PRO) to submit a plan to ANR in 2025. Feb. 2026 is the target date for the
9 start-up of the program. Mfgs. will cover certain expenses such as set-up fees, supplies, transport, and
10 some labor. More details will follow. As for H.148, the Bottle Bill expansion, the Gov. vetoed the bill. The
11 Legislature will have to vote to override the veto in the next session if the bill is to survive.

12 **d. Phase 1 Construction Timeline, New Haven Residential Transfer Station** – Despite weather delays,
13 Champlain Construction is onsite to begin Phase 1. The site will need to dry out more in the next two weeks in
14 order to begin construction. The goal is to finish the project by Oct. 30th, prior to the asphalt plants closing for
15 winter. **Proposed Timeline for Phase 2 and Phase 3** – TK proposed postponing Phase 2 to CY2025 in order
16 to give a hauler a full year of servicing the site in CY2024, beginning after Phase 1 construction is complete.
17 The District will continue final design and procurement of funds for Phase 2 and Phase 3. Weston & Sampson
18 is assisting TK with updating the project budgets for both phases.

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20 **8. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT** – The items were covered in New Business.

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22 **9. PROGRAMS REPORT** – Don presented the Green Up Day numbers for 2023. EJ and GS tabled at the
23 Green Energy Festival in Vergennes and supplied x-frames to the event. X-frames were supplied to the
24 Middlebury Festival on the Green as well, and Waste Warriors were deployed there to help attendees sort their
25 waste. GS organized volunteers to join the newly resurrected Waste Warriors’ program. EJ will meet with the
26 N. Ferrisburgh land stewards next week to talk about composting. EJ and GS are working with the state on
27 outreach for flood recovery. GS and EJ have been working on a video series for social media and with MCTV
28 to refilm portions of the Transfer Station tour. EJ is working on recruiting volunteers for Addison County Fair
29 & Field Days and asked that BOS members planning to volunteer this year contact her to schedule.

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31 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None Needed.

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33 **11. OTHER BUSINESS** – None.

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35 **12. ADJOURN** –

36 **Motion #3: B.Finger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 PM. B.Munoff seconded the motion.**
37 **VOTE on Motion #3: Yes –23 (Addison, Bridport, Bristol (2), Cornwall, Ferrisburgh (2),**
38 **Goshen, Leicester, Lincoln, Middlebury (4), Monkton, New Haven, Panton, Ripton,**
39 **Starksboro, Vergennes (2), Weybridge, Whiting). No – 0. Abstain – 0.**

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41 *I agree that this is an original of the July 20, 2023 minutes that were considered and approved by the*
42 *BOS at its meeting of _____.*

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45 *Teresa A. Kuczynski, District Clerk*
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