

Minutes of December 28, 2022
Carver-Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District
Zoom Virtual Public Meeting

PRESENT: Robert Belbin, Amanda Cobb, Dave Menard, Judith Whiteside

ALSO PRESENT: Executive Director Jeffrey Osuch

ABSENT: Kevin Bradshaw, Mary Dormer

5:01pm Meeting called to order by Mr. Belbin.

MINUTES: Ms. Whiteside moved to approve minutes of the November 9, 2022 meeting; Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside Y.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

- November Payroll warrant \$1,642.73 - Ms. Whiteside moved to accept, Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.
- November Bill warrant \$19,803.62 - Ms. Whiteside moved to accept, Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.
- December Payroll warrant \$3,281.67 - Ms. Whiteside moved to accept, Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.
- December Bill warrant \$1,704.82 - Ms. Whiteside moved to accept, Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.
- Bank balance \$511,493.04. Ms. Whiteside moved to accept the Financial Report, Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.

Mr. Osuch suggested that we consider investing some of our free cash in CD rates via Eastern Bank or another institution. A 12-month CD at E.B. is yielding 4.59%. Ms. Whiteside suggested investing \$250,000, since that is the maximum amount that is FDIC insured, and made a motion to do so, seconded by Ms. Cobb. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.

After some discussion of our current expenses (running \$65-70K annually), and the fact that the first bond in our bond ladder will be coming due in June, giving us a potential opportunity to replenish our cash, Mr. Menard suggested that we increase our investment in the CDs. Ms. Whiteside moved that we invest an additional \$200,000 in a second CD account; Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:

Payroll company costs: Mr. Osuch noted that due to the \$565 credit issued by Rodrigues, we have not received any bills for payroll costs from them since the agreement was made.

Liz Lydon of MTC Law group will give a 30-minute presentation on Conflict of Interest/Open Meeting Law at our Feb. 1 meeting.

Kate Cannie of PARS is also available to give an update on Feb. 1.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Messrs. Osuch, Menard, Belbin and Ms. Cobb participated in a tour of the Wareham Transfer Station and Harvey Recycling on December 15. Mr. Menard will obtain Gary Hartmann's contact information, and Ms. Cobb will write a brief summary of the visits.

Re: Rochester ZBA notice received on November 9, Ms. Whiteside moved that we confirm the vote held at our November 9 meeting, stating that the CMWRRDD took no action upon the information received, as the contents of the notification did not pose a threat to public health, safety or welfare. Motion seconded by Ms. Cobb. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.

Discussion was held regarding the potential use of old landfill for solar. Mr. Osuch is reaching out to Hub Insurance in Fall River regarding our current policy (set to expire in 2025). Mr. Belbin would like to send a letter to A.D. Makepeace to see if they have any intention of installing solar on that property.

Ms. Whiteside moved to authorize Mr. Belbin to work with Mr. Osuch to draft a letter to Makepeace to this effect. Ms. Cobb seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Cobb moved to adjourn; Ms. Whiteside seconded. Roll call vote 4-0-0: Belbin-Y, Cobb-Y, Menard-Y, Whiteside-Y.

5:59pm Meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 1 at 5pm via Zoom

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda Cobb, Secretary, CMWRRDD

Documents reviewed in this meeting:

- CMWRRDD Board Meeting Minutes 11-09-22
- CMWRRDD P&L through November 2022
- CMWRRDD payroll warrant December 2022
- CMWRRDD bill warrant December 2022
- Plymouth County OPEB Trust (PCOT) November 2022 account statement
- Notes on December 15, 2022 visit to Wareham Transfer Station and Harvey Recycling

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Town Clerk on 2/8/23.

Addendum to Minutes: Notes on December 15, 2022 visit to Wareham Transfer Station and Harvey Recycling

On December 15, 2022, Executive Director Jeffrey Osuch, and Committee Members Bob Belbin, David Menard, and Amanda Cobb participated in a brief tour of the Wareham Transfer Station, conducted by Head of Municipal Maintenance Mr. Menard. The various drop-off areas and containers are remarkably well marked, clean and well-maintained, which Mr. Menard attributed to his capable, loyal and well-managed staff.

We then traveled across the road to the Harvey Recycling Center, which is now under the umbrella of Waste Connections. District General Manager Gary Hartmann presented slides and pictures describing the extent of the operations at the Rochester facility, and described ongoing and upcoming changes in recycling regulations and domestic and international markets for recycled materials. He presented some astonishing statistics as to the economics of recycling processing vs. trash...recycling is about 20 times more expensive to deal with. And one of the highest costs is the manual sorting and removing of materials that should not be in recycling bins in the first place. Employees in hazmat like attire worked on fast-moving conveyor belts, grabbing and tossing offending materials into huge boxes and bins. Items such as plastic bags and clothing literally choke the huge machine, which has to be manually cleaned out on a regular basis.

I asked whether better education would help reduce the influx of “wrong” materials...Mr. Hartmann was not overly enthusiastic, but offered to share whatever slides, instructions and materials we thought we could use. I have reached out to him but not heard back; will follow up soon.

I have many photos and videos of the huge operation if anyone wants to see them.

Amanda Cobb