

# **Minutes of the September 29, 2021**

## **Carver-Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District**

Zoom Virtual Public Meeting

Present: Bob Belbin, Jim Munise, Amanda Cobb, Dave Menard, Kevin Bradshaw

Also Present: Executive Director Jeffrey Osuch, Atty. Tom Crotty

Guests: None

Note: ALL votes taken by Roll Call

Chairman Bob Belbin called the meeting to order at 5pm

Jim Munise motioned to proceed to Executive Session at 5:02pm to discuss SEMASS/Covanta settlement offer Amanda Cobb seconded. Vote 5-0-0 unanimous

Open meeting reconvened at 5:11pm

Attorney Crotty will close his private law practice in December. He is willing to work with Jeff Osuch to put together an RFP for his replacement, with special interest in attorneys who have worked with similar Districts. Bob Belbin thanks Atty. Crotty for the many years he has worked with the District.

Ownership/Operations of Rte. 28:

Jeff Osuch says Derek Sullivan wants the current lease for the Route 28 Transfer Station to be extended to 3 or 3.5 years, to run concurrent with the ABC contract; also wants language in the agreement to allow Wareham to purchase Rte. 28 site for a price determined by the average of 2 appraisals, and to insert a 90-day termination clause. Mr. Sullivan also mentioned that the Board will need to discuss the current lease of \$10/year, which includes equipment and liability insurance of \$5,200/year – Mr. Sullivan would prefer the District to keep paying. Jeff Osuch asked if the District can lease for an additional 3.5 years on top of the current 1.5 year lease – Atty. Crotty said yes.

The Board discussed various options for either town to lease or purchase Rte. 28 from the District... if sold, how would the proceeds be divided? Jeff Osuch referred to Section IV of the new draft Wareham-Carver Agreement which addresses but does not resolve split of costs. These issues should be resolved before Attorney Crotty retires at the end of 2021.

Attorney Crotty suggested that even if the District sells the land and gets rid of the assets, the liability for the Carver landfill would still hold. Regarding insurance – are we adequately covered? We need to find out what insurance Wareham wants and have Wareham reimburse the District. Attorney Crotty states that both entities (District and Wareham) need to hold insurance as the Transfer Station is a liability. Jim Munise asked if we needed insurance for Environmental Liability? The answer: no current coverage required as an environmental inspection was performed at the time of the SEMASS transfer.

Jeff Osuch, Tom Crotty and Derek Sullivan will work together on the revised Agreement. Bob Belbin would like to be part of the working committee. Jim Munise moved to have the 4 above-mentioned including Bob Belbin enter into negotiations of the new Agreement. Amanda Cobb seconded. Vote 5-0-0 was unanimous.

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Dave Menard suggests we revisit this matter in the Draft Agreement from last May. Amanda Cobb moves to authorize Atty. Crotty to revise the draft along with Jeffrey Osuch in order to propose an equalized valuation. Kevin Bradshaw seconded. Unanimous vote 5-0-0 to approve.

### **Minutes:**

Review and approve minutes of June 30, July 28 and September 9, 2021 meetings. Amanda Cobb moves to approve all above minutes. Dave Menard seconds. Unanimously approved by vote 5-0-0.

### **Financial update:**

Jeffrey Osuch reviewed September payroll of \$2,685.24. Motion by Jim Munise to accept payroll, Seconded by Amanda Cobb. Unanimous approval 5-0-0.

Bills of \$3,832.19 - motion to accept by Amanda Cobb, Seconded by Jim Munise; accepted by 5-0-0 vote. Jeffrey Osuch presented bank balance of \$979,015.62 at 9/1/21.

### **Election of Officers:**

Jim Munise moved to elect Amanda Cobb to the position of Secretary.

Dave Menard seconded. Motion approved by rollcall vote 4-0-1 (with Amanda Cobb abstaining)

Amanda Cobb moved to elect Kevin Bradshaw to the position of Treasurer. Dave Menard seconded. Motion approved by unanimous vote 5-0-0.

### **Investing District Money:**

Bob Belbin had sent a message to Tom O'Brien re: investing of District funds. This does not require Town Meeting approval, but Jeff Osuch pointed out we are limited in the types of investment we can make. Bob Belbin will try to get Mr. O'Brien to talk with the Board at the October meeting.

### **Miscellaneous:**

Wareham's operation of the Route 28 Transfer Station does not need to be on the monthly agenda. Tonnage reports and other info will continue to be emailed but will no longer be on the agenda.

The Draft Audit by Powers & Sullivan has been sent to the members for review. Jeff Osuch will put it on the October meeting agenda for final approval.

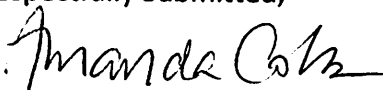
Jim Munise moved to adjourn; seconded by D. Menard. 5-0-0 vote.

Meeting adjourned 6:32pm

Next meeting Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 5:00pm via Zoom

(November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 24, the night before Thanksgiving)

Respectfully Submitted,



Amanda Cobb, Secretary, CMWRRDD