

CARVER, MARION, WAREHAM REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2019
5:00PM

Members present: Steve Cushing, Norman Hills, David Menard, John Cotter, Jim Munise, Bob Partridge, Joseph Benedict, Bob Bilben, Jeffrey Osuch (Executive Director)

Others present: Jay McGrail, John Waterman, Michael Malinoski, Gary Buckminster, Brad Morse, Thomas Crotty, Chloe Shelford (Wareham/Sippican Week)

1. Minutes: the minutes from the September 18, 2019 meeting were approved.

2. Financial:

- The Bills Warrant for \$110,804.39 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, voted unanimously.
- The Payroll Warrant for \$10,160.69 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, approved unanimously.
- Jeff presented a Profit and Loss spreadsheet from July 2019 through September 2019.
- Jeff provided status of each CMWRRDD account:
 - Escrow - \$503.15
 - Recycling - \$5,321.84
 - Stabilization - \$67,222.67
 - Operation - \$651,014.85
 - Payroll - \$7659.49
- Jeff reported that the Mack truck frame did not pass inspection. There is a used one available for \$24K, do we want to purchase? Discussion addressed need for tractor to be attached to compact the trash in the trailers, Dave noted that Wareham has a tractor that can be used for the pulls. Motion was made to not replace the Mack truck and seconded, vote approved unanimously.
- Scrap metal prices are down, no income figure reported.
- Jim reported that the finance subcommittee had met. The subcommittee addressed (1) need for all the accounts, (2) renaming accounts, (3) adjust account totals. Consensus was to not make any changes until the audit is complete, wait until the first of 2020.
- Jeff has the new stickers for each town. Followed was a long discussion of what to charge, noting that the District cannot tell the towns what to charge. The District could make recommendation only. Consensus to leave to each Town; request they notify us of the amount. Any action on purchasing sticker readers would be delayed until next meeting.
- Attorney Crotty noted that the CMW Agreement intended to assess each Town, not the residents. Discussion then addressed what assessment to charge for CY20 as the Agreement relies on tonnage to determine the respective amounts. We really have no good tonnage numbers, though Jeff had a table that showed collection data for the same eight weeks at both transfer station. Ultimately a motion was made to waive the assessments for CY20 and seconded, vote approved unanimously.

3. Operational:

- Jeff provided updated data sheet of Benson Brook Transfer Site activity for September
- Norm noted that the Agreement identified the actions for a Town to exit the agreement as well as the actions to include and additional Town. However the Agreement does not address the dissolution of the District. Norm made a motion; "Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Directors of the Carver Wareham Marion Regional Refuse Disposal District commit to explore

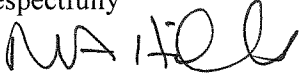
and develop a plan, providing appropriate funding including for legal counsel and for such other consultants as the Board deems necessary, to dissolve or aid in the dissolution of the Carver Wareham Marion Regional Refuse Disposal District by December 31, 2020." This precipitated much discussion:

- This could be parallel track, Marion may not withdraw if the decision is to dissolve
- Current operations do not follow Agreement, need new one to reflect reality
- Some do not support, want to move in positive direction
- Circled back to how to raise operational costs going forward
- Attorney Crotty noted (1) if December 2020 is the goal, then the Board has to get a petition to the State Legislature by mid-2020, (2) should set up subcommittee with the individual Town Counsel to report issues, recommendations, (3) potential alternate consideration would be to agree to shift to a skeleton Board to deal with taxes, insurance, OPEB, etc. rather than dissolve; this would not require going to the State Legislature
- Motion was made to amend the motion to "Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Directors of the Carver Wareham Marion Regional Refuse Disposal District commit to (1) explore and develop a plan, providing appropriate funding including for legal counsel and for such other consultants as the Board deems necessary, to dissolve or aid in the dissolution of the Carver Wareham Marion Regional Refuse Disposal District by December 31, 2020, and (2) develop the details of how to negotiate with a single District member leaving." Motion to amend seconded, vote approved with one nay (Jim).
- Motion to approve the original wording as amended was seconded, vote approved with one nay (Jim).
- Discussion addressed appointing a subcommittee of one member from each Town and to include each Town's Counsel. Each Town committed to provide a name to Jeff by 1000 Friday October 25. Attorney Crotty noted (1) that the subcommittee has to comply with the Open Meeting Laws, (2) MGL does not address CMW dissolution, will have to look for other models
- Covanta Contract
 - Jeff provided latest Covanta proposal dated September 24, 2019 for a five-year CMW agreement; the only obligation is to pay for tonnage delivered, if dissolve then no tonnage equals no cost.
 - Motion made to accept the agreement and seconded, vote approved unanimously.
 - Jeff and Attorney Crotty will draft comments and send.
- Rochester obligation
 - Attorney Crotty noted that as long as the District has a contract with SEMASS, Rochester can use the Transfer Stations. After our contract expires, so does Rochester free use.
 - If there is not District contract on January 1, 2021 then Rochester and SEMASS would need an agreement
- Hazardous Waste Day
 - Jeff noted that signs are up at Benson Brook, a mailing has gone out to all residents, and newspaper ads hit on October 30.
- Rt 28 transfer site
 - Jeff reported his scheduled meeting with Rochester was cancelled due to power outage. He has been unsuccessful in rescheduling, he has been unsuccessful in getting any return calls.
 - Jeff reports that the Planning Board is not supportive of a back entrance/exit.
- Audit – Jeff met with the auditor this week. The auditor will focus on the information since June and will try to see if there is adequate information to work back to January 1, 2018. He expects a report within a month.

4. Next meeting: meeting will be November 20, 2019 in Wareham.

5. Motion at 7:40PM to adjourn.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Hills", written in a cursive style.

Norman A. Hills