

CARVER, MARION, WAREHAM REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2019  
5:00PM

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

Others present: Jay McGrail, John Waterman, Thomas Crotty, Chloe Shelford (Wareham/Sippican Week), Andria Ray (Wanderer), Mary McKenzie (Wicked Local)

1. Minutes: the minutes from the October 23, 2019 meeting were approved with one correction.

2. Financial:

- The Bills Warrant for \$43,352.50 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, voted unanimously.
- The Payroll Warrant for \$8,193.39 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, approved unanimously.
- Jeff presented a Profit and Loss spreadsheet from July 2019 through October 2019.
- Jeff provided status of each CMWRRDD account:
  - Escrow - \$503.31
  - Recycling - \$5,323.65
  - Stabilization - \$67,258.95
  - Operation - \$623,415.03
  - Payroll - \$7446.37
- Scrap metal income \$579.14.
- Jeff has distributed the new stickers for each town. Carver reported that their prices are \$10/sticker and \$5/sticker for seniors and veterans. Wareham prices are \$40/sticker and \$20/sticker for veterans. Marion prices are \$40/sticker and \$30/sticker for elderly or veteran. Discussion indicated Carver to sell more stickers and Marion sell fewer based on the price changes.
- Jeff reported that the signs at the Transfer Stations have been changed to indicate the need for new stickers on January 1, 2020.

3. Operational:

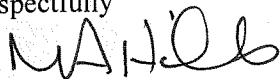
- Attorney Crotty was present to discuss the future options for CMW. A lot of discussion followed, a summary follows:
  - The subcommittee had meet on Monday. The consensus of that meeting was that CMW terminate operations on 31 Dec 2020. Carver and Wareham can decide if they want to run the Route 28 Transfer Station, CMW could sell it to them.
  - Attorney Crotty mad the following points:
    - The District Agreement allows amendments if the three towns approve, nothing needs to go to the Legislature
    - A total rewrite is probably required
    - CMW is obligated to monitor the landfill, SEMASS will cover the Insurance Policy payments for the next two consecutive 10-year periods
    - Can't do total dissolution without special state legislation, no benefit to it
    - Should have skeleton organization (Executive Secretary and Treasurer) because of obligations (landfill, OPEB)
    - What does Carver and Wareham want to do?

- If Carver and Wareham continue maybe Rochester would want to participate; it is not clear if they would have some privileged situation with SEMASS.
- Carver and Wareham operate both transfer stations at different times. Surprise option as previously thrust was to close Benson Brook, that is what prompted Marion to initiate withdrawal process.
- Motion was made to formally accept the withdrawal letter from Marion, seconded and voted unanimously.
- Lot of discussion and confusion because no one was sure exactly what Carver and Wareham intend to do with respect to ceasing operation or not. They need vote of Selectmen. If not how do they operate the Route 28 transfer station; as part of CMW or a separate inter-municipal agreement.
- Costs to operate Route 28 unknown although Jeff has provided estimate previously. Unclear if Carver and Wareham would have to subsidize the operation.
- Appraisal of CMW assets needed. Motion to get real estate appraisal, seconded and voted unanimously. Motion to get equipment appraisal, seconded and voted unanimously. Agreed to get three proposals; total cost not to exceed \$5000.
- Attorney Crotty requested to draft proposed amendment for Carver and Wareham to operate the Route 28 transfer station, bring it to the next subcommittee meeting.
- Motion made for Attorney Crotty to talk to SEMASS Counsel to develop a 5-year trash disposal agreement for CMW, seconded and voted unanimously.
- Hazardous Waste Day
  - The Carver site had 160 vehicles and the Benson Brook site had 327 vehicles.
  - The Benson Brook traffic was handled without problem, it backed up to Route 6 one time. Most of the traffic was early on. Turned away approximately 50 vehicles with trash.
  - Bob reported that the Carver signage could have been better and there was a minor issue with the process of getting cars in and out.
  - Jeff raised question of when to do it next year. Consensus was the May/June timeframe. Some question of doing it twice but no decision.
- Rt 28 transfer site
  - Jeff reported he still can't get meeting with Rochester. Will not try until CMW decides on continuing operations or not.
- Audit – Jeff reported that the audit is almost done, he expects a draft by 22 November.
- Jeff provided updated data sheet of Benson Brook Transfer Site activity for October and the third week of October for Route 28 as reported by the security company.
- Draft CMW Transfer Station Sticker Policy was reviewed and multiple changes identified. Norm will make changes and return to Jeff.
- Sticker Scanner – discussion addressed the need, how many, need to hire operator at Route 28 transfer station. Consensus was to reevaluate after the December meeting when operation decision is made.
- Future liabilities
  - Right now only two employees are vested, one has retired already
  - A. Gunderson is not vested by could be if she works for an additional 3 years for municipal entity
  - Joe had a retirement liability document that indicated CMW had a future liability of over \$400K. More research is needed to understand this document.

4. Next meeting: meeting will be December 18, 2019 at the Carver Town Hall.

5. Motion at 7:44PM to adjourn.

Respectfully

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

Norman A. Hills