

CARVER, MARION, WAREHAM REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT
COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2019
5:00PM

Members present: Steve Cushing, Norman Hills, 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), Mary McKenzie (Wicked Local)

1. Minutes: the minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting were approved with one correction.

2. Financial:

- The Bills Warrant for \$51,654.32 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, voted unanimously.
- The Payroll Warrant for \$8,369.39 was presented. Motion to approve was made and seconded, approved unanimously.
- Jeff presented a Profit and Loss spreadsheet from July 2019 through November 2019.
- Jeff provided status of each CMWRRDD account:
 - Escrow - \$503.44
 - Recycling - \$5,325.01
 - Stabilization - \$67,285.67
 - Operation - \$721,097.52
 - Payroll - \$9099.87
- Scrap metal income – no report but the good news is the price is rising.
- Jeff reported getting calls from Marion and Wareham about issuing stickers to commercial plates. He noted that the direction handed out explained, and requested we insure the sticker issuers understood.

3. Operational:

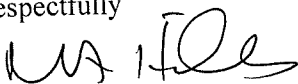
- Attorney Crotty was present to discuss the draft of the revised Agreement that had been distributed.
- Before the discussion continued, Bob Partridge made the following motion “I move to suspend all operations of CMW’s transfer stations located at Benson Brook Road in Marion and Route 28 in Rochester effective December 31, 2020, and to immediately begin discussions on disbursements of assets and future liabilities of the District under the existing agreement. In addition, the current board of CMW will immediately initiate discussions with any towns wishing to continue to operate the Route 28 transfer station under a new agreement effective January 1, 2021”. The motion was seconded and discussion followed:
 - Jim noted that Wareham had sent a letter to Carver to discuss the two towns operating Route 28 transfer station. The Selectmen had authorized Jim and the Town Administrator to negotiate with Carver.
 - Mike reported that Carver had received the letter and that it contained some inaccuracies. He stated that the Carver Selectmen voted that paying the OPEB liabilities with CMW funds was a priority, it is clear that no one wants that liability going back to the town. He will have an Article for Spring Town Meeting to start the withdrawal process, Carver does not want a transfer facility in town.

- Jim wants to make sure all assets belong to the District so that they can be used to offset the costs of running a transfer station for a couple of years. He wants Joe to work on cost estimates.
- Mike responded that there is no scenario that won't cost money.
- Norm noted that the concept of a skeleton operation by definition means no operations.
- Attorney Crotty noted that there were two choices, (1) continue and eliminate operations with three member skeleton District for 30 years, transfer Rt28 transfer site to Carver/Wareham, or (2) stay as two member district and continue to run Route 28 transfer station. It makes sense to keep the District and convey the Route 28 transfer station to whoever wants it but CMW does not run it.
- Joe called the question. Vote was five for the motion and three against (members Belbin, Munise, Benedict) the motion.
- Attorney Crotty talked through the draft Agreement based on the direction of the District
 - Section I –He will work with Jeff to define District functions.
 - Section II – Add that CMW will not operate beyond December 31, 2020.
 - Section III - Need to assess how to apportion costs and assets.
 - Section IV - Budget approval reason to keep nine member board for at least the meeting each year.
 - Section VII – Remove incurring of debt.
 - Section VIII – Lots of discussion of distribution; what apportionment formula? One third for each member? Jeff will work with Attorney Crotty and the dissolution committee at their January 8, 2020 meeting to develop method. Mike said he would look through his information to see if he had historic apportionment information.
- Joe commented that he and Jim had provided Wareham comments to the draft document. Bob Belbin had also sent an email.
- Hazardous Waste Day
 - It was decided to choose May 30, 2020 as the primary date and June 6, 2020 as the secondary date. Jeff will contact the provider.
- Audit – Jeff reported that, he expects a report by 15 December.
- Jeff provided updated data sheet of Benson Brook Transfer Site activity for November.
- Jeff reported that he had contracted with the lowest bidder to get an appraisal of the Rt 28 transfer site and the existing equipment. He expects a report by 15 January.
- Future liabilities
 - The Plymouth County retirement liability statement from the first of December indicated CMW had a future liability of a little over \$482K. One on the individuals since withdrawn his balance, two of the remaining individuals will probably never be in a position to take advantage of the account.
 - We should wait until the 1 January printout to review again. The Finance Subcommittee estimates that we should probably set aside \$400K for this liability.

4. Next meeting: meeting will be January 22, 2019 in Marion.

5. Motion at 7:25PM to adjourn.

Respectfully



Norman A. Hills