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## Draft March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes

To: Keith Squires, Stu Hurd, Rob Gaiotti, Rickey Harrington, John O'Keefe, Tom Shuey, Mark Lourie, Suzie dePeyster, Sandy Gaszek, Dave Kiernan, Nancy Bushika, Steve Bendix, Mike Charette

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From: Michael S. Batcher

Subject: **Draft March 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 22, 2018

**Town Representatives:** Keith Squires (Arlington), Michele Johnson (Bennington), Rob Gaiotti (Dorset), John O'Keefe (Manchester), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Suzie dePeyster (Sandgate), Dave Kiernan (Shaftsbury), Mike Charette (Woodford)

**Not in Attendance:** Ricky Harrington (Glastenbury), Mark Lourie (Rupert), Sandy Gaszek (Searsburg), Nancy Bushika (Stamford), Steve Bendix (Sunderland)

**BCRC Staff:** Michael S. Batcher

**Location and Time:** Arlington Town Hall – 4:00 to 6:00 PM

**Public in Attendance:** John Cullinan from Casella Waste Management  
Maryam Kamanger from Goodwill

**Introductions:** Keith called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2017:** Mike Charette moved and Dave Kiernan seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2017. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

**BCRC Second Quarter Report:** Michael briefly reviewed the report summarizing activities of BCRC under the contract with the Alliance for the period July 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The VT ANR reporting year is the calendar year for 2017. For that year, we reached out to the required businesses and schools. Schools were generally receptive and working to recycle. Businesses varied with some recycling all or most materials and others disposing of some materials inappropriately and a range between. Keith wondered if we should go back to businesses that were doing a poor job. We can consider that, but the requirement is for new businesses each year. There was also discussion on doctor's offices. These are difficult to reach as physicians are too busy to meet on these subjects. Tom asked about Southwest Vermont Medical Center. We had met with them on food scraps and discussed how they recycled with their facility manager. They are doing a good job, though recycling of materials in patients' rooms is difficult as nearly everything can be categorized as medical waste once it is exposed.

**Household Hazardous Waste:** The Alliance will hold a household hazardous waste event on May 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bennington Transfer Station from 9 AM to 1 PM. Hopefully this will go well. The town plans to open a second gate to improve circulation. The fall event in Dorset will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>. We hired Enpro, a Vermont firm to collect and dispose of materials. They are capable of holding small, satellite events, and Michael would like to hold one for Stamford and Searsburg. The cost of the crew and truck would be \$1400.00. Michael estimated total costs with disposal, advertising and organizing at \$5000.00 to \$6000.00. He asked the board if all of the towns would share the costs as it is part of the overall Alliance program.

John O'Keefe and others wanted to be sure the towns would encourage residents to participate. The group did not want to spend a lot of money and have only a handful of participants. They agreed to try it for this year. John moved and Rob Gaiotti seconded a motion to proceed and the motion carried unanimously.

**Compost Bin Sales:** Michael said we would be selling compost bins and kitchen composters in May with distribution at two locations: the Yellow Barn in Arlington and the Bennington Highway Garage on Orchard Street. We will have a limited number and will be advertising these in the NewsGuide, Front Porch Forum and our Facebook page. John Cullen of Casella suggested providing models at each transfer station for display to help sell them.

**Free Dump Day:** The group had discussed a free dump day back in the spring. This would involve the towns that used Casella transfer stations. Stu had indicated that Bennington would not participate. Michael had met with Sunderland and the Select Board there was concerned about overall costs. Michael was willing to come up with an estimate for budgeting but wondered if the group was still interested.

The towns with their own stations have various systems for bulky waste. Tom explained that Pownal allowed everyone one dump of a trailer or pickup load per year. Michele Johnson

relayed how Bennington had accepted bulky materials, but that people were dropping stuff off for weeks after the event or period that collection was to occur.

**PAYT Ordinance Updates:** Michael has received ordinance updates from Stamford and Sunderland but not any of the other towns. Keith said he would send Arlington. John said Manchester was in the middle of changes. Rob said Dorset was moving forward. Suzie said Sandgate had adopted the changes. Michael asked if he could receive the revisions as they were adopted.

**Universal Recycling Law Discussion:** Michael summarized a series changes to the Universal Recycling Law now before the Senate Natural Resources Committee. The changes include 1) a requirement that “fast trash” include organics collection, 2) alteration of collection of leaf and yard debris to run from April to December and elimination of the hauler requirement to collect food scraps.

**Public Comment:** Maryam Kamangar of Goodwill described how Goodwill stations trucks in Arlington and Manchester on weekends to collect donations. Not only does this help people donate but it provides a job for the driver/attendant. All Goodwill stores are based on donations and they sell what they can. They have a new program of turning unusable clothing into rags, and Maryann gave everyone a rag bag of samples. She planned to send Michael more information for the BCSWA web site.

John Cullen from Casella asked the group for funding for signs for the Casella Transfer Stations. Keith explained this was already in the contract but apparently has not been implemented. He told John that if he came up with a design, he (Keith) would meet with Dale Baker to push for signs.

**Next Meeting and Adjournment:** Michael asked if the group could move to three meetings per year and they agreed. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at 4:00 PM with the location to be determined. Rob moved and Keith Squires seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting and the resolution was adopted unanimously at 5:31 PM.