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Draft June 13, 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 June 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 29, 2018

Town Representatives: Keith Squires (Arlington), Stu Hurd (Bennington), John O'Keefe (Manchester), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Mark Lourie (Rupert), Suzie dePeyster (Sandgate), Sandy Gaszek (Searsburg), Nancy Bushika (Stamford), Dave Kiernan (Shaftsbury), Steve Bendix (Sunderland)

Not in Attendance: Rob Gaiotti (Dorset), Ricky Harrington (Glastenbury), Mike Charette (Woodford)

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
Walter Klinger, resident of the Town of Pownal

Introductions: Keith called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM.

Approval of the Minutes of March 14, 2018: Stu Hurd and John O'Keefe seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Asphalt Shingle Recycling: Michael explained that under the VT ANR materials management plan, solid waste districts, alliances and towns are required to provide a means of recycling asphalt shingles. He and Trevor Mance had been discussing the possibility of TAM Waste Management providing this service.

Trevor Mance was in attendance and described how asphalt shingles could be used in blacktop for road work including shoulder mix. Right now, they are trucked to landfills at costs of approximately \$130/ton. With landfills closing, the price of trash will increase.

Myers Container Services in Chittenden County has a facility to recycle asphalt shingles now. VT ANR is trying to develop a pilot project to use this material to pave sections of roads in one or more towns in the northern part of the state to see how the material works. Trevor explained that he could try to get some material from Myers for use in a pilot in Bennington County.

TAM is requesting 25% of the initial start-up costs. They could serve 80% of roofers in the county and could charge them \$80/ton for collection and recycling. Funds from the Alliance would be used for start-up and not operations.

Michael explained that there was approximately \$10,000 in the budget in the event the Alliance needed to create a textile facility. He added this amount to the 2018-2019 contract with BCRC in case the Alliance wanted to fund this project, so it would not exceed their current budget.

Dave Kiernan moved to fund the project at with \$10,000 this year and another \$10,000 next. Stu Hurd seconded. The discussion then moved to asking Michael to bring this to the road foremen and the Alliance discussing with the Vermont House and Senate delegation requesting their support in encouraging VT AOT to use these materials in road construction. Keith was to form a working group to assess the use of these materials in the county. The motion was adopted unanimously.

BCRC Third Quarter Report: Michael briefly reviewed the report summarizing activities of BCRC under the contract with the Alliance for the period January 1 to March 31, 2018, which he had sent several weeks earlier. The Alliance has been selling compost bins and outreach to businesses, schools and event organizers continues. We provided assistance for Youth Appreciation Day but, unfortunately, the Casella containers for food waste were sent to the wrong park. Tom Shuey complained that Youth Appreciation Day conflicted with Green-up Day where he held a celebration for kids who participated in that in Pownal.

BCSWA-BCRC 2018 to 2019 Contract: Michael reviewed the contract, which had been discussed during the asphalt shingle discussion. The only change was the additional funds for that project if the Alliance decided to go ahead. John O'Keefe moved, and Steve Bendix seconded a motion to accept continue the contract and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Universal Recycling Law Discussion: Michael summarized a series changes to the Universal Recycling Law adopted by the legislature. The most noteworthy was that haulers would not be required to offer curbside collection till 2019 and that a stakeholders group, which Michael attends, will be discussing recommendations to the legislature. The proposed legislation on requiring manufacturers of household hazardous waste to pay for disposal died in the Senate Natural Resources Committee while they worked on the water bill. That also was the recipient of funds, known as escheats, from uncollected deposits on returnable containers. We had hoped it would go for solid waste, but Lake Champlain is a priority.

Household Hazardous Waste: The Alliance held a household hazardous waste event on May 12th at the Bennington Transfer Station and over 244 households participated. We will be holding a satellite event for Searsburg and Stamford on July 28th and a second town-wide event on September 15th at the Dorset School.

PAYT Ordinance Updates: Michael has received ordinance updates from Arlington, Bennington, Dorset, Manchester, Stamford and Sunderland but not any of the other towns. Suzie said Sandgate had adopted the changes. Michael asked if he could receive the revisions as they were adopted. Mark Lourie said Rupert had not yet adopted the changes. He also said that Keyes had been unresponsive and was not registered in Vermont. Nancy Bushika had the same problem with R.L. Waste. Michael was to contact ANR on these. Tom Shuey was to meet with the Pownal Select Board and would find out what action they have taken.

Public Comment: Walter Klinger said he had attended the HHW event and was not permitted to dispose of sharps, pharmaceuticals or smoke detectors. Michael explained these were not accepted at these events but would find out about smoke detectors.

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, September 26, 2018 at 4:00 PM with the location to be determined. Stu moved, and Mark seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting and the resolution was adopted unanimously at 5:40 PM.