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## April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**To:** Cynthia Browning, Mat Bukowski, Stu Hurd, Rob Gaiotti, Rickey Harrington, John O'Keefe, Tom Shuey, Mark Lourie, Suzie dePeyster, Chris Reynolds, Dave Kiernan, Nancy Bushika, Dixie Zens, Mike Charette

**Cc:** Jim Sullivan, Andrea Lenhardt, Leslie Parra, Keith Squires

**From:** Michael S. Batcher and Paula Kamperman

**Subject:** **April 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** April 21, 2020

**Town Representatives:** Cynthia Browning (Arlington), Mat Bykowsi (Arlington alternate), Stu Hurd (Bennington), Rob Gaiotti (Dorset), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Mark Lourie (Rupert), Chris Reynolds (Searsburg), Dave Kiernan (Shaftsbury), Dixie Zens (Sunderland), Nancy Bushika (Stamford), Mike Charette (Woodford)

Total of 11 towns and 21 votes

**Not in Attendance:** Rickey Harrington (Glastenbury), John O'Keefe (Manchester), Suzie dePeyster (Sandgate)

**BCRC Staff:** Michael S. Batcher

**Outreach Program Manager:** Paula Kamperman

**Location and Time:** Remote meeting via ZOOM – 4:00 to 6:00 PM

**Public and Others in Attendance:**

No members of the public called in

***Introductions:*** Once we had enough members on the call, Mike called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 PM. Some members continued to join afterwards via phone as their Zoom connections did not work.

***Approval of the Minutes:*** Dixie moved, and Stu seconded a motion to approve the minutes of April 8, 2020. The motion passed unanimously.

***Election of Officers:***

Chair: Mike Charette was nominated as chair. Nancy moved and Dixie seconded a motion which was approved unanimously.

Vice Chair: Mike nominated Dixie as vice chair, Rob seconded and that was adopted unanimously

Treasurer: Tom nominated Stu, Cynthia seconded and that was adopted unanimously

Secretary: Rob was nominated by Nancy and Dixie seconded and that was adopted unanimously

***Draft SWIP:*** Michael had sent the draft SWIP to all the board members. Nancy asked if we were going to go through the plan page by page. Michael's preference was for everyone to read it and provide comments via email so he could compile them and send them to everyone. It might take quite a while for the group to go through page by page. He described that the current draft was based on the former plan, with updates to information and changes in the actions as dictated by the VT ANR template. He also had modified the facility siting requirements based on the revised VT ANR Solid Waste Rules. The group agreed to provide comments between now and the next meeting.

Once the board has finalized the plan, we can send it to VT ANR for review. Once VT ANR grants preliminary approval, the board should hold two public meetings prior to adoption.

***COVID-19 Response:*** Paula summarized her outreach given the COVID-19 pandemic. VT ANR had asked us to put out information asking businesses and residents to dispose of only trash and recyclable and hold off on major cleanouts this spring so as not to overly tax the system. Stu Hurd said Bennington had seen dumping on roadsides, and Tom Shuey said he was not going to tell people not to bring materials to the Pownal Transfer Station as they could handle what they were taking at present.

Many retail locations are limiting take back of electronics and paint. On that note, Michael asked the board to cancel the spring HHW event until such time as the current restrictions are

lifted, with a possible date in August. Tome moved and Dixie seconded a motion to do so and that passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:** No members of the public joined the call.

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2020 in Arlington if possible but otherwise via remote systems. At that point, Dixie moved, and Stu seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:10 PM.