



111 South Street, Suite 203, Bennington, VT 05201 (802) 442-0713 (802) 442-0439 fax

---

## October 21, 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

Cc: Jim Sullivan, Andrea Lenhardt, Leslie Parra, Nick Zaic, Ryan Thurber

From: Michael S. Batcher and Paula Kamperman

Subject: **October 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Date: October 29, 2020

**Town Representatives:** Cynthia Browning (Arlington alternate), Stu Hurd (Bennington), Rob Gaiotti (Dorset), John O'Keefe (Manchester), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Suzie dePeyster (Sandgate), Dave Kiernan (Shaftsbury), Dixie Zens (Sunderland), Nancy Bushika (Stamford)

Total of 8 towns and 19 votes

**Not in Attendance:** Mat Bykowski (Arlington), Rickey Harrington (Glastenbury), Chris Reynolds (Searsburg), Mark Lourie (Rupert), Woodford representative

**BCRC Staff:** Michael S. Batcher

**Outreach Program Manager:** Paula Kamperman

**Location and Time:** Remote meeting via ZOOM – 4:00 to 5:30 PM

**Public and Others in Attendance:**

No members of the public called in

**Introductions:** Once we had enough members on the call, Dixie, as chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:05 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Nancy moved, and Stu seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**New Officers:** With Mike Charette leaving for Maine, the board needed to appoint a new chair. Nancy nominated Dixie and Rob seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Then we needed a new vice chair and Dixie nominated Nancy with Stu seconding the motion. That motion also passed unanimously.

**Draft SWIP:** The draft SWIP was reviewed by VT ANR and after some minor changes received preliminary approval. Now the board has to hold two public meetings of which this was the first. The board needs to adopt the plan by December 31, 2020. Michael reviewed the major changes between this SWIP and the 2015 to 2020 SWIP.

**2021 to 2022 BCSWA Budget and BCRC-BCSWA Contract:** Michael had sent a draft contract to cover the period from January 1 to June 30, 2021. The total amount for work by BCRC would be \$119,865.00 which might exceed the 2020 to 2021 budget. However, Michael believes grant payments from VT ANR and the Agency of Agriculture and Markets should prevent that occurrence.

He then reviewed the 2021 to 2022 proposed budget which would be slightly less than the 2020 to 2021 budget totaling \$205,650.00. The board has a grant for an asphalt shingle collection facility at the Bennington Transfer Station, which will require a match of \$4,000.00. In addition, he said that a new infrastructure grant, which the Alliance could use for a permanent household hazardous waste facility was in the offing, but was a 40%, rather than a 60% match. This would increase the total budget to \$281,650.00. After a brief discussion, Stu moved, and Rob seconded adoption of the budget and that motion passed unanimously. Stu then moved and Suzie seconded a motion to approve the contract with BCRC, and that also was adopted unanimously.

**Forming a Solid Waste District:** Michael introduced the topic of forming a district. Stu was in favor of moving forward with this as the increasing requirements from VT ANR meant we needed a better structure and set of capabilities. Cynthia asked for more information, and Michael said we had completed a report that might help and would send that out.

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

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 via Zoom. At that point, Nancy moved, and Stu seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 5:10 PM.