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Draft November 12, 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: **November 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 18, 2020

Town Representatives: Cynthia Browning (Arlington), Stu Hurd (Bennington), Rob Gaiotti (Dorset), John O'Keefe (Manchester), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Chris Reynolds (Searsburg), Dixie Zens (Sunderland), Nancy Bushika (Stamford)

Total of 8 towns and 21 votes

Not in Attendance: Mat Bykowski (Arlington), Rickey Harrington (Glastenbury), Mark Lourie (Rupert), Dave Kiernan (Shaftsbury), 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:

An unidentified member of the public called in but did offer any comments.

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: Stu moved, and Rob seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting. Nancy requested a change in that Chris Reynolds had not attended the meeting and the draft needed correction on that issue. With that change, the motion passed with an abstention from John O'Keefe.

Draft SWIP: The draft SWIP was reviewed by VT ANR and after some minor changes received preliminary approval. This meeting is the second of the two required public meetings to be held after receiving that preliminary approval. Michael explained that all the changes made since the first draft were highlighted. He reviewed changes to the interlocal contract which primarily dealt with referring to the 2020 plan rather than the 2015 plan, adding a provision that the Alliance could operate facilities, and adding a provision that meetings be warned at least one week in advance to provide sufficient notice to the public.

Following some questions. Cynthia moved and Stu seconded a motion to adopt the SWIP, and that motion passed unanimously.

Interlocal Contract: Michael asked if everyone could have their select boards sign the revised contract and promised to send the revised version out shortly. All agreed to get the contract signed.

Forming a Solid Waste District: Michael raised the issue of a solid waste district and had previously sent out material on Addison County. Stu felt that given the current COVID-19 pandemic and the difficulty in involving the public, that we should table the effort for now. Rob, John and others agreed.

Public Information on Disposal of Materials: The BCSWA website has information on how residents, businesses and institutions can properly dispose of materials. The town transfer stations for Pownal, Searsburg, Stamford and Shaftsbury do as well, though some may need updating. Michael said he and Paula could work on materials for the Bennington, Sunderland and Northshire stations, but the towns should post that information on their web sites for their residents and businesses. Stu, Rob, John and Dixie agreed to do so.

2021 HHW Events: The 2021 event in Dorset is scheduled for September 11th. Michael asked about the Bennington event as May 9 is Mother's Day. Stu felt the 8th, or the 15th would be fine, but the 1st is Greenup Day, and we should avoid that.

For Stamford and Searsburg, possible dates are July 10, 17, 24 and 31 with later dates possibly cooler based on recent experience. It is hard for the crew to work on hot days in Tyvek suites.

Those dates were fine with Chris and Nancy. Michael will also look into a single site for both towns rather than two separate events in terms of logistics and price. Nancy and Chris will attend the Bennington event to become more familiar with the process of running these events.

Public Comment: Someone called in but would not identify themselves and offered no comments.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, most likely via Zoom. At that point, Stu moved, and Nancy seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:55 PM.