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Draft June 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

To: Cynthia Browning, Nick Zaiac, Stu Hurd, Rob Gaiotti, Rickey Harrington, John O'Keefe, Tom Shuey, Mark Lourie, Karen Dzialo, Chris Reynolds, Dave Kiernan, Nancy Bushika, Dixie Zens

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From: Michael S. Batcher and Paula Kamperman

Subject: **June 23, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes**

Date: July 16, 2021

Town Representatives: Nick Zaiac (Arlington), Stu Hurd (Bennington), Rob Gaiotti (Dorset), Leslie Perra (Manchester), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Mark Lourie (Rupert), Dave Kiernan (Shaftsbury), Dixie Zens (Sunderland), Nancy Bushika (Stamford)

Total of 8 towns and 21 votes

Not in Attendance: Rickey Harrington (Glastenbury), Karen Dzialo (Sandgate), Chris Reynolds (Searsburg), Woodford representative

BCRC Staff: Michael S. Batcher

Outreach Program Manager: Paula Kamperman

Members of the Public: None attended

Location and Time: Bennington County Regional Commission office, 210 South St., Suite 6, Bennington, VT and via Zoom from 4:00 to 4:45 PM.

Introductions: Once we had enough members on the call, Dixie, as chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 PM.

Approval of the Minutes: Stu moved, and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2021.

Discussion with Bob Spencer: this item was cancelled as Stu had to leave by 4:40 PM.

Agreement with Bennington for Asphalt Shingle Facility: Michael reviewed the proposed agreement, with some modifications, by which towns would pay into the fund for the asphalt shingle facility. Total cost would be \$10,000 with a state match of \$4,000. After a brief discussion. Dave moved and Leslie seconded a motion to approve the agreement. Michael was to send out a slightly revised version after the meeting.

Agreement with Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility: Michael reviewed the proposed agreement, with some modifications, by which towns would pay into the fund for the household hazardous waste facility. Michael was working with VT ANR to make the Alliance the grant recipient, which meant that the Alliance had to join and get insurance through VLCT. The total project cost is \$117,850. After a brief discussion. Stu moved and Nancy seconded a motion to approve the agreement. Michael was to send out a slightly revised version after the meeting.

Public Hearing to Amend the SWIP: The Town of Bennington is seeking certification of its wastewater treatment facility. Apparently, such facilities are considered solid waste facilities and must be listed in the Solid Waste Implementation Plan. Michael apologized for the oversight and explained that we would need to amend the SWIP to list the Arlington, Bennington, Manchester and Pownal wastewater facilities and include any others that may require a sludge management plan. The board agreed to hold the hearing on Wednesday, August 4, 2021.

2021 HHW Events: The 2021 event in Bennington was held at Mt. Anthony Union Middle School on May 8th from 9 AM to 1 PM. The fall Dorset event is scheduled for September 11th at the Dorset School from 9 AM to 1 PM. Michael has been working with VT AOT to hold an event for Stamford and Searsburg at the AOT facility on Route 100 in Readsboro. That is scheduled for July 24, 2021 from 9 AM to 1 PM.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will be a public hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This will be a hybrid meeting held at the Arlington Town Hall and via Zoom. Stu moved and Nancy seconded a motion to end the meeting at 4:40 PM.