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Draft August 4, 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

Cc: Jim Sullivan, Andrea Lenhardt, Ryan Thurber

From: Michael S. Batcher and Paula Kamperman

Subject: **August 4, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 23, 2021

Town Representatives: Nick Zaiac (Arlington), Cynthia Browning (Arlington), Stu Hurd (Bennington), Rob Gaiotti (Dorset), John O'Keefe (Manchester), Tom Shuey (Pownal), Mark Lourie (Rupert), Karen Dzialo (Sandgate), Dixie Zens (Sunderland), Nancy Bushika (Stamford)

Total of 9 towns and 21 votes

Not in Attendance: Rickey Harrington (Glastenbury), Dave Kiernan (Shaftsbury), Chris Reynolds (Searsburg), Woodford representative

BCRC Staff: Michael S. Batcher

Outreach Program Manager: Paula Kamperman

Members of the Public: Mary Kamangar, Goodwill Industries of the Berkshires; Andrew McKeever, Town of Sunderland, and GNAT-TV

Location and Time: Town of Arlington Town Hall, 3828 VT Route 7A, Arlington, VT and via Zoom from 4:00 to 4:40 PM.

Introductions: Once we had enough members on the call, Dixie, as chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 4:07 PM.

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 reviewed the proposed amendments regarding the Bennington, Manchester, Pownal, and Arlington School wastewater facilities and include any others that may require a sludge management plan. The hearing was warned in the Banner and Journal, advertised in the News Guide, placed on the BCSWA website, and noticed in Front Porch Forum. The SWIP with changes highlighted was also placed on the BCSWA website. Cynthia moved and Stu seconded a motion to approve the changes with the provision that the Arlington School District be named the owner and operator of the treatment plan instead of the BRSU Supervisory Union. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes: Stu moved, and Cynthia seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2021. That motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Maryann Kamangar from Goodwill spoke about the Goodwill program to create useable rags from clothing that can't be reused or sold. Both the Rutland and Bennington stores provide these and towns order rags from Goodwill rather than buy more expensive ones from retail establishments. She asked BCSWA to help educate public on use of old shirts and such to create rags. Michael and Paula said they could publish that information on the BCSWA website and Facebook page. Cynthia said people can also do this themselves

Next Meeting: The group concluded that we should focus on recycling and food scrap collections at events and at public places, such as town parks. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 6, 2021, from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. This will be a hybrid meeting held at the Arlington Town Hall, 3828 VT Route 7A and via Zoom, depending on the status of COVID-19. Stu moved and Cynthia seconded a motion to end the meeting at 4:40 PM.