



Approved Meeting Minutes

2013 Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District Meeting

December 17, 2013

Attendees:

Sally Hyland	City of Nashua	Kerrie Diers,	NRPC
Bruce Berry	Town of Amherst	Jill Longval	NRPC
Tom Bayrd	Town of Hollis	Karen Baker	NRPC
Rick Seymour	Town of Merrimack		
Stanley Walczak	Town of Pelham		
Mike Fimbel	Town of Mont Vernon		

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:04am by Hyland with introductions.

II. Approval of June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Hyland referred to the minutes of June 11, 2013 and asked for comment or if accurate, a motion to approve. Berry motioned to approve the minutes of June 11, 2013 with a second from Seymour. All were in favor.

III. Update on State Funding

Longval provided an update on the State funding. She said the grant is due on February 1st and is almost done. She added that the per capita amount allowed for FY2015 is 22 cents. Hyland signed off on the 6 collections.

Diers commented on a recent meeting she attended between NH DES and the RPC Directors regarding Household Hazardous Waste. She informed the group on how they expressed revisiting how they do HHW in the State and are looking at different options – more permanent collection sites and options for towns. Diers said she would pass along any additional info that she hears.

Hyland referred to a meeting she had with HHW Coordinators including Vicki Davis from the UVLSRPC and how she had gone through some training at NH DES on SQG's and LQG's. Hyland encouraged other District members to do the training.

IV. Report on 2013 Collection Events

Longval reviewed the report on the 2013 collection events included in the agenda packet. She informed the group that participation was up from the 2012 with Transfer Stations still the number

one source of information on the collection events and paint is still the most common item received at the events. She added that the upcoming dates for August, October & November of 2014 will be put out once she hears about funding from DES. Additionally, March is when she expected to have the new numbers for the HHW transfer station signs. Longval suggested the last 3 event dates for 2014 can be advertised as tentative. Lastly, Longval said specific town reports are included in the packet of materials.

V. Review of 2014 Collection Schedule

Longval reviewed the remaining FY2014 collection schedule dates with the group as April 19th, May 3rd for the Milford event, & the Thursday, June 5th, 3:00-7:00pm event. The FY2015 dates listed in the Grant are August 2nd, October 4th, and November 1st of 2014 and April 18th, May 2nd, and June 4th of 2015. Longval asked the group to note that the FY2015 collection dates may be under a new vendor and those dates would have to be confirmed with the new vendor. She reminded that group that they will have to go out for bid for a new vendor in October of 2014.

VI. Priorities for 2014 Collection Season

Longval informed the group that the main priority for the 2014 season is to focus on outreach. She suggested including a 1/3 page flier to put in with town/city utility bills. Hyland suggested talking to Pennichuck to see if the schedule can be included with their mailings.

Another suggestion for outreach was to have a display board designed by the NRPC/NRSWMD for each municipality which would be seen during Town meetings. Hyland felt this was a good idea and each town would have one at their disposal. Fimbel felt it would need to be bigger than and 8x11 since there would likely not be enough time to bring it up at town meeting but would be good to have the information displayed.

Berry suggested having information played on the Community Access Channels. Longval informed the group that a public service announcement is sent to all cable access TVs. Walczak suggested contacting realtors for folks moving in or out. Longval informed him that we already do reach out to realtors. Walczak felt it would be helpful since the real estate market has been picking up. Hyland wondered if we could plug into towns that have the reverse 911 or code red call alert systems. Another member thought there might be a charge for non-emergency and also thought that the service is contracted by the town. Fimbel felt towns may have concerns with that and suggested maybe email instead of call. Longval suggested the backpack mail and that she had been able to get into Nashua School District e-newsletter in the past. There was a suggestion to use utilize individual town's social medial such as Facebook & Twitter.

Longval also informed the group that education about alternatives to HHW is a component that is required under the DES grants and suggested a pocket guide for HHW alternatives. She also said that the volunteer base to work HHW events needs to be expanded. Walczak asked to be sent information on event dates, times, length, etc. Diers commented that some groups do the volunteering as an activity together. Hyland suggested notifying heads of science departments. Longval informed that she is signed up with Volunteer Match, but the attendance rate is low.

Hyland asked Longval to provide a book to each community with the information on the contingency plan, event dates, contacts, etc.

Seymour felt a tri-fold item would be good to have for events and asked if a vote was needed. Longval said it can be allocated under education. Berry asked what they were thinking; 5 or 6 per community? Longval said she could call to get a feel of what folks would like. Fimbel felt that Mont Vernon would only be interested in one. Berry commented that Mont Vernon is very aggressive as well as Amherst and he is very aggressive about educating folks and wants a display but had concerns with the logistics and making sure the info/display comes back.

VII. Review of NRSWMD Bylaws

Longval informed the group that she had been working on the Bylaws and updated them to reflect the input gathered at the June meeting. She also made sure the Bylaws matched State Law. She said it needs a legal review and is still draft. She added that a joint legal review is recommended on behalf of the district. Dier said NRPC has a lawyer, but was unsure he would want to do this, but she would find out. There was a question on if this would be funded through the dues. Longval referred to the contingency budget line item that has only used \$100 to date for a table for the HHW events. She added that this contingency money could be used for paying this. Diers added that NRPC is involved with both Primex and LGC but does not use LGC anymore.

After further discussion, a motion came from Fimbel and was seconded by Berry to have a Legal Review of the NRSWMD Bylaws. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Fimbel suggested that the RFP for a new vendor also be reviewed by the insurance company as it might bring in a lower amount.

VIII. Update on Paint Stewardship Program

Longval referred to the Paint Stewardship House Bill included in the agenda packet that reads:

- I. Establishes a paint stewardship program wherein a nonprofit organization approved by the department of environmental services organizes a program for the reception of discarded architectural paint.*
- II. Establishes an assessment to fund the paint stewardship program.*

Also included in the agenda packet were the comments on the draft language submitted by Longval, and others. She summarized that the bill is sponsored by Representative Scott Burns. The program would be run through NH DES beginning in 2015 and would allow residents could turn in their unwanted architectural paint for free. Longval said there were still questions on a consolidation facility that would deal with all the paint.

Fimbel asked whether this was impractical and questioned how to roll it into our regular collections. Longval had concerns about it being done at a regular event and suggested maybe an additional event. There was a comment from the group that in other states, paint is returned to the place of purchase. Hyland informed the group that Maine now requires that latex paint be handled as HHW and asked if there was any word on this for NH. Longval said no. She also provided a definition of architectural

paint to the group and said she would hear more on the Paint Stewardship Program at the 2014 session.

Some other concerns with the program are businesses turning in paint as a resident and whether they are really a resident. Fimbel had questions on frozen paint that thaws. Longval elaborated on ways paint can be used with these programs. There was a comment that it would be good not to have latex at the HHW events. There was discussion between Longval and Walczak about the law and a paint facility in Burlington VT.

Berry had concerns about re-educating folks on options of dealing with latex paint if the Paint Stewardship Program passes. Diers felt the language was still being altered until they get a bill number for it. She suggested having this district provide some comment or testimony.

IX. Additional Business

Fimbel informed the group that Mont Vernon got a new Police Department Chief who came from Milford.

Walczak informed the group that Pelham takes sharps and antifreeze. He also asked about organics and the 2 facilities in NH and if there was any interest in this group. He said he can see this coming as MA is already doing. Diers said if there was interest, we could do some research.

Motion to adjourn came from Walczak and seconded by Berry at 10:07am.