



APPROVED Minutes
Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District
August 13, 2003

Present: Andrew Singelakis - NRPC
Angela Rapp - NRPC
Sally Hyland - City of Nashua
Russ Heinselman - Town of Brookline
David Lent - Town of Merrimack
Mike Fimbel - Town of Mont Vernon
Melanie Wheeler - NH DES

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 PM.

I. Approval of the Minutes

Dave Lent motioned to approve the minutes as recorded, Mr. Fimbel seconded. Passed 5-0.

II. Draft 2003 Audit.

Andrew Singelakis reviewed the draft 2003 audit. The District is better off than this time last year considering the Fund Balance is lower in 2003 than it was in 2002. However, there is less of a cash flow at the end of 2003 as well. Overall the District is in good shape though.

On the subject of funding, Mr. Singelakis asked Melanie Wheeler from NH DES to discuss the financial situation for the Household Hazardous Waste program statewide. Ms. Wheeler reported that there has been initial Governor and Council approval of 25% of the HHW grant program. However, by October they will know better who will receive their grant funds considering that only 25% is available. The same will happen in January, that only 25% of the funding is approved. When the budget passes, the rest of the funds will be available.

The funding for the program per capita has been reduced to \$0.20 because of all of the collections that are currently held.

The Household Hazardous Waste rules are being revised and going into the last comment period. Ms. Wheeler asked if Ms. Hyland would sit on the committee to review the rules. The rules are proposing to change the amount of time that HHW can be stored on-site. If the rules pass as is, collectors can store HHW for up to 1 year, as long as it is separated. There are no changes for SQGs.

III. 2004 Collection Dates

NRPC received a call from an SQG of the Jewish denomination requesting that we review our HHW dates and hold events on Sundays. The District has done a lot to accommodate special holidays, and will continue to do so. The members agreed that there is no need to pick the dates for 2004 yet, and need to wait to determine the status of grant funding for next year.



IV. Review of June and August Collections

Ms. Rapp handed out the 2003 Collection results to date. The numbers are up. The additional advertising in the Hudson-Litchfield New and Milford Cabinet affected the August numbers positively. While setting the dates for next year's events, we need to double check the events at Stello's Stadium.

Ms. Wheeler asked if the traffic flow could be improved. Because of the cross traffic flow and the liability of people getting out of their cars, it is about as efficient as it can get.

Ms. Hyland mentioned that Clean Venture has been a good company to deal with. We need to keep reminding them to take two cars at a time sometimes, and also keep up on their emergency preparedness.

It was suggested that the cost of the events should be made available at the site. A sandwich board could be constructed to inform collection event attendees how much the collection costs in total, per household, for certain items, and that we are collecting donations, etc. It was decided that the District should not focus on getting donations, it's not productive in the end.

Marty Gaffney from Clean Venture said that they are losing money on our collection events.

Ms. Hyland suggested that we develop a press release at the end of the season with the number of participants, how much was collected, etc.

It was stated that there has been a lot of waste brought in from residents who have just moved into their home. Ms. Wheeler said that they are talking with realtors about including the price of disposing of waste in the cost of the house. This also keeps a lot of waste from becoming unknowns when the items are listed in the selling price. Ms. Wheeler also said that a letter is given to realtors educating them about this now.

V. Other Business

Ms. Rapp mentioned that there is a new recycling facility applying for a permit in the Town of Amherst off 101A. The application is at NRPC if people are interested in reviewing it.

Ms. Rapp also mentioned that the storage building at 6 Riverside Drive needs to be painted. It is the District's responsibility to do this. Ms. Hyland received a quote of \$1,000-2,000 to do this, however, a lower price could be obtained by going out to bid.

Mr. Singelakis said this should be done after the last collection so that the painters are working in an empty building. This should be stipulated on the bid.

The next collection is October 4th, Amherst is volunteering.

Mr. Fimbel moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Lent.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM