

MINUTES
SELECT BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF COVENTRY
Monday June 11th, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mike Marcotte / Chairman; Brad Maxwell; Scott Briere

Town Officials Present:

Amanda Carlson / Town Administrator

Martha Sylvester / Recreation Committee Chairman

David Barlow / Assistant Clerk

Sherry Bradley / Solid Waste Implementation Plan Committee Chairman

Guests:

Kim Crosby & Jeremy Labbe / Casella Waste Management

Paul Tomasi / Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District

Cathy Jamieson / Agency of Natural Resources

Laura Dolgin / Newport City Manager

Tom Bernier / Newport City Public Works Director

Patrick Austin / Austin's Rubbish

Sarah Reeves / Chittenden Solid Waste Management District

Press :

Briana Bocelli / Barton Chronicle

1. Mike Marcotte called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

- *All attendees were asked to introduce themselves.*

2. Newport Centennial overview by Newport Mayor and City Manager

- Newport City Manager, Laura Dolgin, gave an overview of the City's Centennial Celebration starting on June 29th, 2018.
- A schedule was provided listing events for all ages for the week-long celebration.

3. Discussion on Increased Solid Waste Management Fees

- Chairman Mike Marcotte stated that the purpose of the meeting was understand the cost increases associated with recycling and how it was affecting the North East Kingdom.
- Sarah Reeves, General Manager of the Chittenden Solid Waste Management District, gave an overview of the factors affecting the recently increased price change for non-district members to dispose of recycled materials. *(Non CSWD members fees are going to be increasing from \$21 per ton to \$50 per ton)*
- Sarah explained the change in the global economy related to the recyclable materials market and the need for capital improvements at the facility.
- Pat Austin questioned Sarah on the notice given to haulers and stated that there was an unfair timing consideration given to the City of Burlington.
- Pat stated his opinion that the Chittenden Solid Waste District has an unfair advantage on the lobbying power in Montpelier affecting the Solid Waste regulations and impact on haulers.
- Mike Marcotte stated the perception that the richest county is putting the onus on the poorest county to subsidize the facility costs with outside haulers having to pay \$25 more per ton than district members.
- Cathy Jamieson from the Agency of Natural Resources clarified that within the CSWD the trash fees were subsidizing the recycling costs.
- Cathy stated that the State had no authority to regulate fees on Solid Waste Management Districts.
- Pat Austin stated that he was asking Coventry, as its own Solid Waste Management District, and the host to the State's only Landfill, to impose a fee to outside districts that could potentially fund a Solid Waste District and alleviate some of the burden on haulers that have to absorb the increase recycling disposal fees.
- Mike Marcotte stated that the Town does not want this to become adversarial; however, the geographic difference and population density unfairly affects the area and there needs to be some assistance for the area haulers for them to survive.
- An additional fee on trash was discussed and stated it would need to be applied State wide and not just to certain areas.
- Sarah Reeves stated that the Chittenden area had discussed opening their own landfill should they need to.
- Mike Marcotte thanked everyone for attending the meeting and participating in the discussion. He stated that a common ground needed to be found and this will involve multiple discussions and research on how to best proceed with the goals being to find a common ground to assist the community and success of local industry; and ensure the Statewide Recycling programs are successful for everyone.
- *No decisions made by the Board.*

4. Other Business

- The Board reviewed the notice from the Listers Office stating that Grievance Hearings will be held on:
 - *Tuesday June 26, 2018 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*
 - *Thursday June 28, 2018 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*
- Notices of change of appraisal have been sent out and any property owner wishing to dispute the value can book an appointment for those dates to discuss with the Listers.
- The Board received an email notice from Treasurer Adam Messier that due to other employment opportunities, his office hours will be changing and he will be working in the evenings and weekends to fulfill the duties of the Treasurers Office.
- The Board was notified that the Agency of Natural Resources will be holding a meeting at the Coventry Community Center on Thursday June 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in regards to the Waste USA Landfill expansion request.

General Fund Account:

Payroll	For week ending June 9, 2018	\$ 3,162.67
Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling		\$ 3,162.67

Road and Bridge Restricted Fund Savings Account:

06/09/2018	Champlain Valley Equipment – 2018 Kabota Tractor	\$ 59,509.00
Signed by the Board for the Treasurer to draw checks totaling		\$ 59,509.00

5. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

The next Select Board meeting will be held on Monday June 18th, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Michael Marcotte / Chairman

Bradley Maxwell

Scott Briere

Amanda Carlson / Town Administrator