

Minutes for November 2019

White River Alliance Solid Waste Board November 13, 2019

Those in attendance Sandy Conrad, Moe Brigham, Robert Young, Chet Brown, Judi Brigham, Jenn Bartleman

Absent Grace Adams, Joshua Powers

Call to Order 7:03pm

Minutes for October, 2019 Sandy requests one edit: to use the word “personnel” instead of “personal nature” under “discuss email notifications.” Moe moves to accept minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Sandy. Motion approved by vote.

Financial Report The alliance surcharge is down by \$10k. Part of this is because Barnard’s alliance fees just came in and do not show up on this report. Question on why Barnard paid less, and what mechanisms they use to count population. Barnard claims the population data from the Census is not accurate. There is no more debt to collect this year. Roger’s payments (which are made in cash) are not collected as debt – they go in as fees. Hazardous waste costs are a bit high, and the Transfer Station has had all 3 Hazardous Waste Days already. Next one will be in May, which is still on this budget. SWIP compliance is almost done. There is a surplus at the moment, but the Station owes Casella \$60k and there will be another \$60k payment in January for the Excavator. The decision to raise the cost of oil to \$5/gallon is bringing in money.

Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Program (letter) – Each year during Town Hall Day, a letter from the Solid Waste Program is included in the town reports as an insert. Chet would like to include the budget as well if that can get approved in time. Pittsfield requested theirs before Dec. 6th.

20-21 budget discussion – Chet is not sure why retirement went up and will ask Teresa about that; it may have to do with Roger’s retirement. Wayne’s potential retirement cannot affect the budgeted retirement costs at this time. Uniform rental is staying on the budget as a buffer. There is also a buffer in heating, but the price of oil is down right now and may go back up. Suggestion to add \$5,000 to facility maintenance and take \$5,000 from tip fees and hauling to balance it out. Chet expects building operator costs to go down in the next budget. Sandy moves to adopt budget as amended. Motion seconded by Judi. Motion approved by vote – budget adopted.

Other Business The insurance company is questioning the quotes provided to them of fixing the door that was damaged by a car accident. The quote is \$3,700 per door, which includes labor and everything. Chet is waiting for the insurance company to approve costs before proceeding with the repairs.

Chet has not started inputting into SWIP. Jenn has shadowed him and is currently training with Doug on the cashier. The station is advertising for cashier position; no applications yet. Sandy has one resume that she will send.

The State's new food scrap ban has been in effect since July 1. Haulers are exempt for another year and the Station does not want a bunch of customers bringing in organics only. Abel refuses to accept food scraps, but will have to register and comply with the Station in order for his registration to be valid. There is already an ordinance in place to enforce this, which states that every hauler must bring all trash to Transfer Station. Chet will contact the state if Abel is not collecting food scraps and recyclables.

The Station sends all aluminum to Evergreen recycling, and they want to rent the station a roll-off, which the station could get a lockable box for. If the Station can store all aluminum in something contained like that, it would save labor costs of bagging aluminum. Sandy suggests to donate returnables to local clubs. The State has suggested to apply for a grant for a compactor and sell aluminum blocks.

Moe moves to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judi. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.