

**DRAFT Minutes for January 8, 2020 Board Meeting**  
**White River Alliance Solid Waste Board**  
**Bethel/Royalton Solid Waste Facility**

**Board in Attendance:** Moe Brigham, Judi Brigham, Robert Young, Grace Adams, Sandy Conrad     **Absent:** Joshua Powers

**Staff:** Jenn Bartleman, Chet Brown

**Public in Attendance:** Jo Levasseur, The Herald of Randolph reporter, Lauri Girard, Stuart Levasseur, Suzanne Milord, Harry Dodge, Daisey Salls, Tony Salls, Penny Severance, Dan Roda, James McCullough, Dylan McCullough

**Call to Order:** 7:05pm

**Minutes for December 11, 2019:** The Board, moved by Sandy Conrad and seconded by Moe Brigham to approve December 11, 2019 meeting minutes with no edits noted. Motion unanimously approved.

**Other Business:**

- **Discussion of removal of “free tables” at Solid Waste Facility**

Jenn, new facility manager read from her notes regarding the decision to remove the “free tables”. See attached notes to meeting minutes for her detailed report. All attempts to get users to not discard trash versus reusable items has been unsuccessful. Concerns also raised over cost, safety and cleanliness.

Public discussion, at times highly passionate, was to share with the Board how valuable the free tables are for users of the facility. Many discussed the abundance of “free” items they acquired that were very useful. Others commented on the importance of recycling and how these items will not be discarded on the side of our roadways or woods. Several attendees discussed coming up with a compromise and volunteered to oversee the upkeep of the “free tables”. Suggestion made to use returnable cans and bottle money to cover costs of maintaining this service. Attendees also questioned the accuracy of costs stated by the facility manager in maintaining the free tables.

The Board, moved by Judi Brigham and seconded by Grace Adams: To not reinstate the “free tables” at this time. Motion passed 4-1 with one against, Sandy Conrad.

**Review of Financial Report:** Jenn and Chet reported on current financials, which are halfway through the fiscal year. All expenses remain within budget including payment for debt service (one payment remains) and new doors installed. One concern raised was the unexpected

costs for a blown out seal for the cardboard compactor. Facility manager still waiting to hear back on final costs for repair. It was also noted that all lights used at the facility now have LED bulbs.

**Facility Manager Report:** Questions raised regarding plowing and sanding at facility. Staff at facility plow and when needed either the Towns of Bethel or Royalton road crewman are willing to sand.

**New Hire:** The Board, moved by Judi Brigham and seconded by Grace Adams to hire April Redicker as of January 2, 2020 at \$15.00 an hour. Motion unanimously approved.

The Board, moved by Moe Brigham and seconded by Judi Brigham, went into executive session at 8:55pm to discuss a personnel issue, requesting Jenn Bartleman's presence. Motion unanimously approved. The Board, moved by Moe Brigham and seconded by Grace Adams to come out of executive session at 9:17pm. Motion unanimously approved.

**Action:** Motion made by Moe Brigham and seconded by Judi Brigham to approve the purchase of a \$200 gift card to Cabela's Bass Pro Shop for Chet Brown's retirement gift. Motion unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Sandy Conrad, Vice Chair