

# MINUTES OF THE BETHEL/ROYALTON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

May 10, 2017 ~ 7:00pm

Royalton Town Office  
2460 Vermont Route 14  
Royalton, VT

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sandy Conrad called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.  
**Members Present:** Robert Young, Grace Adams, Moe Brigham, Jenn Bartlemann, and Joshua Powers  
**Staff:** Chet Brown  
**Guests:** Andrew Wilson & Zack Halden, Royalton Residents; Sam Carlson, Director of Project Development at Green Lantern
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting March 8, 2017:** Motion by Brigham and seconded by Powers to approve minutes as presented. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
3. **Review Financial Reports:** Members with Brown discussed financials from YTD including allotment to employee insurance and updating payables, with mention to figures:
  - a. **FY 2017 YTD:** 20,000 tons of metal at \$100/per ton; average revenue of \$2,500 daily; \$82,317 annually after payments with projections to meet annual budget
4. **Facility Manager Report**
  - a. **Business at the facility:** Brown presented financials with discussion regarding outstanding debt service with mention to payables
5. **Audit Approvals hand-out:** Brown presented to Members a reviewed audit report through June 30, 2015; Conrad inquired of budget to auditing services and discussion ensued
6. **Haulers Permit Required/Flow Ordinance:** Brown presented to Board proposed rules for permitting requirements of commercial haulers and discussion ensued to consider parameters with a recommendation to propose an ordinance across 8 towns to regulate haulers pickup & trash drop-off
  - Recommendation: For Facility manager, Brown to propose rules to Selectboards regarding enforcement
7. **Financial/Interlocal Agreement:** Board with Brown will revisit topic at next meeting
8. **Other business:**
  - a. **Year 1 SWIP Compliance towards ACT 148 & on-site composting:** Members of Bethel Area Compost Program Andrew Wilson and Jack Halden residents of Royalton community presented with Brown the potential benefits of an onsite composting project with the Bethel-Royalton transfer station with opportunities toward statewide grant programs for funding; future projects to include outreach education pursuant to ACT 148; projections would be to include 10% composting to save \$70,000 on facility costs.

**Discussion:** Members further posed inquiries of upfront costs including operation & transportation, and long-term benefits. More information on the Bethel Area Compost Program can be found at [802compost.blogspot.com](http://802compost.blogspot.com).

- b. **Green Lantern Group:** Sam Carlson presented on a proposal for a Bethel-Royalton Landfill solar array. Carlson proposed a 150kW solar array to the Royalton Planning Commission for the first stage to include geo-tech assessments of topography.

**Discussion:** Board members with Brown discussed constraints regarding clay content. Young inquired of a contractual & financial agreement and members were presented benefits to include: an option contract to a lease agreement on an annual basis with up to \$20,000 investment from Green Lantern Group, a net-metered solar project through Green Mountain Power, and Bethel-Royalton to receive tax revenue & annual lease payments.

There being no other business the Board adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm. Motion to adjourn moved by Brigham and seconded by Powers; motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will take place on June 14, 2017, 7 PM, at the Royalton Town Office. Submitted by Sandy El Hage, Clerk.