

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 30, 2010

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Brown, Banks, Shay, Lindsay, Suprenant, Campbell, Watkins, Idleman, Tatko

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

SUPERVISORS: Henke, Rymph, LaPointe, Pitts

Debra Prehoda, Clerk

Richard Wilson, Public Works Superintendent

Joe Brillling, Exec. Director Sewer District

Kevin Hayes, County Administrator

Roger Wickes, County Attorney

Mike Gray, Director Youth/Alternative Sentencing

Phyllis Cooper, Treasurer

AGENDA AS PRESENTED IN COMMITTEE NOTICE:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes – November 2, 2010
- 3) Department Reports/Requests:
 - A. Sewer District
 - a. Compost Update/Budget Amendment Request
 - b. Long Term Control Plan Update
 - B. Department of Public Works
 - a. Refitting New Truck
 - b. National Grid Energy Efficiency Program
 - c. Transfer Station Personnel Update
 - d. Beaver Wood Energy – Whitehall/Fair Haven, Vt.
 - e. Snow Plow Routing Study Update
- 4) Other Business
- 5) Department Head Evaluation – Executive Director, Sewer District
- 6) Adjournment

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 2nd meeting was moved by Mr. Shay, seconded by Mr. Watkins and adopted.

RECYCLING ADVISORY BOARD - SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN – Mike Gray updated the committee on the status of updating the Solid Waste Management Plan. They have a rough draft and are continuing to gather information. Informational sessions will be held in January 2011. Mr. Shay stated he feels there is merit to having a booth at the stations where garbage could be checked for stickers and stickers would be available for sale. Mr. Wilson, DPW Superintendent, stated they are going to try a pilot program having an attendant at the gate at the Greenwich Transfer station on Saturday checking the bags. This will enable them to check the flow of traffic.

SEWER DISTRICT: Joe Brillling, Executive Director, addressed the following items with the committee:

- Compost Update/Budget Amendment Request – They do have a shortfall and will need a budget amendment for \$9,000 transferring funds from the fund balance. A motion to amend budget transferring \$9,000 into the Compost Facility contractual line upon the Sewer District Board of Directors approval was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Watkins and adopted. They are looking at all options regarding the compost facility.
- Long Term Control Plan Update - Must be submitted to DEC by December 31st. CDM will be making presentation on the draft Long Term Control Plan on December 14th and the Citizens Advisory Committee will be in attendance (Supervisors members: Brown, Rymph). There will be a public meeting to solicit comments after the first of the year.

- Local Law E – reintroduced as Local Law E-a due to a correction in the flat unit charge.
- Department Head Evaluation – A motion to postpone the department head evaluation until the next meeting was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Watkins and adopted.

PUBLIC WORKS: Dick Wilson, Public Works Superintendent, addressed the following items:

- Refitting New Truck – The truck is at the dealer to be refitted and will be a line truck with the rest of the trucks. The cost to refit was around \$15,000. A handout detailing the plow trucks at the various barns and the truck year was distributed, attached. Mr. Brown believes we can do without one of the two trucks that are budgeted in the 2011 budget. Discussion ensued. A motion to reduce the 2011 County Road Machinery budget and the corresponding budget adjustments by one truck, \$170,000, was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Suprenant and adopted. Ms. Idleman opposed.
- National Grid Energy Efficiency Program – National Grid Small C & I Energy Efficiency Program handout attached, updating lighting program as discussed at previous meeting. A motion to approve National Grid Energy Efficiency contract was moved by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Banks and adopted.
- Transfer Station Personnel Update – The pilot program being tested at the Greenwich transfer station this Saturday was discussed under the Solid Waste Management Plan update. Mr. Wilson stated they have a market for the leaves at \$75 per truckload.
- Beaver Wood Energy – Beaver Wood Energy's engineers have contacted the Public Works department regarding two proposed wood chip facilities for Fair Haven and Pownell, Vermont that produce energy. They need to run water up a county road.
- Snow Plow Routing Study Update – If the towns take on some of the roads, it will affect the number of trucks. Mr. Wilson has been talking to the town superintendents and the operations are different, i.e. salt verses sand. Mr. Wilson stated it is just shifting money. If we replace bargaining unit work, it requires negotiations per Roger Wickes, County Attorney. Mr. Banks stated the study was supposed to look at swapping roads. Mr. Pitts stated the town and county are going to work on an experiment with plowing from the red light in Salem to the Vermont border. Mr. Wilson stated they are looking at efficiencies and it is on a town-by-town, road-by-road decision. He has not met with the gentlemen doing the study. Roger Wickes, County Attorney, stated the study (grant) was designed to look at swapping roads. The committee discussed how to proceed with the study. Roger Wickes, County Attorney, stated it comes down to what is not in there that you want. Mr. Brown would like the software package as was previously mentioned. The consultant has already been paid \$30,000 of the \$50,000 grant study amount.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Trailers behind Rogers Island Visitor Center – Mr. Suprenant stated they have several trailers behind the Rogers Island Visitor Center and the town offered to give one of these trailers to Solid Waste for a reuse center but the County is no longer interested. He stated they need to move the trailers and they are willing to pay a rental rate. Mr. Wilson will follow up on this matter.

Wheelabrator Contract – Ms. Idleman asked if the County is bound by the contract. Mr. Banks stated the County is bound to the contract.

Write Off Bad Debt – DPW sold wood chips to C & C Rendering in the amount of \$1,200 in 2007 and this is uncollectible due to no assets/bankruptcy. A motion to write off

bad debt, \$1,200 C & C Rendering, was moved by Mr. Banks, seconded by Mr. Watkins and adopted. Mrs. Tatko opposed.

Sticker Fee – Mr. Brown does not support increasing revenue to fill a budget gap and recommends looking at the entire system looking for economies. A motion to increase the sticker fee to \$2.50 was moved by Mr. Watkins and seconded by Mrs. Tatko. Discussion. Ms. Idleman stated her opposition to this proposed increase. She recommends waiting until the Recycling Advisory Committee issues the Solid Waste Management report. Mr. Banks recommends waiting to see what the 25-cent increase will do. Mr. Lindsay stated the inefficiencies should to be found and corrected. Mr. Watkins stated the Town of Queensbury charges \$2.50. Mr. Brown stated the county is doing a countywide system and Queensbury is only a town and the average income in the two regions is different. Mr. Watkins withdrew his motion and Mrs. Tatko withdrew her second.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

App#	Location	Selected option	Your payment	Your rebate	Additional contract
624075	Main Shop	24 monthly payments	\$240.14	\$924.22	\$80.00
624069	DPW Storage	24 monthly payments	\$92.43	\$345.13	\$64.00
624074	Ft Ann Hwy	24 monthly payments	\$55.06	none	\$32.00
623744	Jackson Hwy	24 monthly payments	\$89.96	\$338.08	None
623743	Greenwich Middle Falls	24 monthly payments	\$86.45	\$317.26	None
624088	Old Car Wash	24 monthly payments	\$61.96	none	\$224.00
624091	Weld Shop	24 monthly payments	\$48.00	none	\$48.00

National Grid Energy Efficiency Projects. Final numbers, payment selection and additional contracts.

“Your Payment” will appear as a line item on your electric bill.

“Your Rebate” a check will be mailed to you from RISE Engineering once the work is completed.

NOTE: Either of these amounts will vary if some fixtures are not installed.

“Additional Contract”. This amount will be billed direct to you from RISE for additional charges for specific fixtures not covered under the program.

Any questions or concerns please call Ken Whitson 603 748 4407