

DRAFT

CRSW/RRC Joint Board Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2011
6:00 p.m. Town of Bow Municipal Building

1.) Establish that a quorum is present

Secretary, Sheldon Morgan verified that a quorum was present in that 23 of the 25 Co-op Communities were represented for total votes of 317 of a possible 340.

Communities not represented were Allenstown and Hillsborough.

2.) Approval of minutes of January 06, 2011

Motion made by Jeanne Beaudin to accept the minutes of the January 06, 2011 Joint Board Meeting as received, second to the motion by George Turcotte, vote taken, all votes in favor none opposed.

3. Single Stream Project

a. Project Update – Participants, tonnages and economics

Jim Presher presented a sheet showing the Single Stream Participants that have signed on at this point, noting that there are currently 31 communities on board.

Chip Chesley asked when do we cutoff the RFAM membership? Jim P. said we will be expecting to close off the RFAM's after the Town Meeting in March of 2012. Presently we have Epping who has signed a letter of intent but will need to present it on their warrant in March.

b. Co-op Financial status

Craig M. presented graphs showing the recycling markets as we have seen in the past. Craig noted that April 2010 was showing a positive of between \$20/\$30 a ton and in the same time period of 2009 we were seeing a minus number. Craig said although we are setting the startup number in the 25,000 range we feel that we will bring that up to 35 to 40 thousand tons once we are up and running.

Craig added that we have an option with WCC to get out of our MSW contract in 2014, but that he feels WCC will want to continue the agreement in part because of the convenience of the Ash Landfill in Franklin. Jim added that the Co-op has notified WCC that we will need to renegotiate the terms and make some changes that will benefit the Co-op as well as WCC. Currently we are looking at using some of our reserves to maintain the current tipping fee. The reserves will continue to go down with some communities not having flow ordinances we are losing trash to other facilities.

c. Single Stream Financing Plan

Jim P. said that in looking over the possible financing of the Single Stream Facility it should be noted that costs have increased since we originally proposed the facility. Manufacturing costs of equipment, construction and fuel costs. Craig said that currently we have approximately 15 million in reserves and a plan to repay at least one half of that amount. We also are looking into the possibility of bonding a portion of the cost, perhaps 9 million since the borrowing rates are very low at this time.

Jim P. added that we are planning to meet with WCC soon as they also are eager to discuss future plans.

4. Action on Operating Committee recommendation to proceed with Single Stream Project. – Presentation of Resolution.

Bill Herman stated that the Operating Committee had met on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011 and that a motion was made to recommend to the Joint Board to move forward with the building of the facility. The vote was unanimous, with all 7 members voting in favor.

Copies of the Proposed Resolution were passed out.

Co-op Counsel, Bill Wilson stated that a two-thirds vote of the total Joint Board is required for this Resolution to pass, noting that abstentions and absences count as votes against.

Bill W. also noted in the resolution that all contracts that are less than 1 million can be approved by the Operating Committee while any over the 1 million must come before the Joint Board.

Chip C. stated that there is an error on the Resolution in that paragraph B, 4th line should read August 22, 2009 not 2010.

Chip C. asked what is the window to join as individual towns and or cooperatives. Jim P. said that the Lamprey Co-op towns have a five (5) year opportunity to join. Other communities would be able to sign on through town meeting 2012.

Steve Rasche asked can Co-op Towns come in at anytime? Jim P. said that is correct.

Steve B. then said RFAM's all basically have the same contract. Jim P. said yes they have signed on for a 15 year period.

Motion made by George Turcotte as follows: Adopt the Single Stream Resolution as presented with a correction to page 1 Paragraph B, line 4 to read August 22, 2009 not 2010. Second to the motion by Jim Boisvert. Vote taken. 276 votes in favor and 74 votes against. The motion passed.

The Towns of Gilmanton, Henniker, Loudon, Northfield, and Tilton & Warner voted against. Allenstown & Hillsborough were counted as against in their absence.

Representatives of the Towns of Northfield and Tilton noted that they were directed by their Selectmen to vote against.

5. Allenstown Withdrawal Request – Action on Operating Committee to Authorize Chairman to appoint a committee to review and prepare terms for withdrawal for presentation to the Joint Board.

Bill Herman stated that as in the previous withdrawal the OC has recommended that a committee be formed to work out the terms of withdrawal if that is the decision Allenstown is making.

A motion was made by George Turcotte to authorize the chairman to appoint the committee. A second to the motion was made by Jeanne Beaudin.

Vote taken votes in favor 317, the motion passed.

Bill H. appointed Jeanne Beaudin and Paul Moynihan to serve on this committee with the Chair.

6. Property Tax issue with City of Concord

a. Lack of progress

b. Appraisals

Craig said that there has been little to no progress in getting the tax issue resolved with the City of Concord. Craig noted that DRA had lowered their previous appraisal but that Concord would not agree with the new numbers.

Joe Jesseman asked if we have acquired an independent appraisal. Craig said yes that both the City and the Co-op have done so and that they are 30 million apart. Craig added that part of which is 20 to 30 years out in regards to how we project electricity rates and how discounts are applied by the city.

7. Legislative Updates

a. SB 131 Pollution Control Equipment Tax Exemption – Inexpedient to legislate

Jim P. said that two (2) bills had been deemed inexpedient to legislate. Jim explained that if SB 131 passed the bill would make the equipment of the Waste Management Incinerator taxable. This would be a pass through cost to the Co-op which would end up

being an increase to the disposal fees.

8. Other business

Question was asked as to what the time line would be to get the Single Stream Project going. Jim said that a license must be received from the City for the WCC water lines in Whitney Road.

Craig added that bids would prepared for the equipment package and roadway and that he expects those could be out the week of the 19th with construction to be complete in the fall of 2012.

Paul M. asked about the agreement with Casella, is that still in place? Jim P. said yes and that they have recently met with them. David H. said that he would not feel comfortable dealing with them on this contract since they are the reason Allenstown has decided to withdraw from the Co-op. They are in fact taking trash away from the Co-op.

Joe. J. asked how many people the facility will employ. Craig said 17 per shift. Joe then asked how our facility will compare with Eco Maine and does this package allow for ease in future upgrades. Craig said it is very similar but larger.

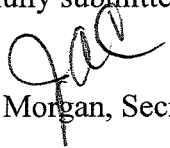
Joe J. then asked if we have any plans for dealing with styro foam. Jim P. said there is nothing available at this time.

Jim Boisvert asked if we are following the Federal Stimulus Green Grants Program.

Craig responded that we had previously looked into it but the funds had been exhausted but we continue to watch for these programs and possible grants.

7:40 pm motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:


Sheldon Morgan, Secretary
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Attendees/Voting Members

Donald Gross	Andover, Alt.
K. Jeanne Beaudin	Belmont
Rhoda Hardy	Boscawen
Tim Sweeney	Bow, Alt.
Ken Anderson	Bradford
Mark Bucklin	Bristol
Stephen Rasche	Canterbury
Chip Chesley	Concord
Craig Ohlson	Deering
Patrick Bowne	Dunbarton, Alt.
George Turcotte	Franklin
Sheldon Morgan	Gilford
Justin Leavitt	Gilmanton
Peter Fernades	Henniker, Alt.
Mike Stanley	Hill
Paul Moynihan	Laconia
Stephen Bennett	Loudon
Peg Shepard	Northfield
James N. Boisvert	Pembroke
Ed Sawyer	Salisbury
Joseph Jesseman	Tilton
David Hartman	Warner
William Herman	Weare, Alt.

Communities not represented: Allenstown & Hillsborough

Others in attendance: Bonnie Bethune, NRRA, Dean Hollins, Boscawen, Alt. Dennis Allen, Tilton, Alt. , Craig Musselman, CMA Engineers, William H. Wilson, Co-op Counsel, Liz Bedard, Recycling Consultant, Co-op, Jim Presher and Jean Ann Cooper, Co-op.