

**GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL REFUSE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
DISTRICT MEETING – March 11, 2015**

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Final Minutes

DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK

The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Committee held a publicly posted meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 8:00 AM at the Dartmouth Town Hall, Room 305, 400 Slocum Road, Dartmouth, MA.

District Committee Members in attendance: Rosemary Tierney, Chairperson; Nathalie Dias, Vice Chairperson; Christine LeBlanc, Lawrence D. Worden, Daniel Patten, and John Beauregard.

Also present: Scott Alfonse, Executive Director; Cynthia Cammarata, Secretary; and Matt Thomas, District Counsel.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Tierney called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. Salute to the Flag

All in attendance stood to salute the Flag.

Chairperson Tierney read the Open Meeting Law advising the Board that the meeting may be recorded by audio and/or video.

3. Legal Notices

Chairperson Tierney notes that the meeting was posted timely in both New Bedford and Dartmouth, and asked for a motion that the Legal Notices be placed on file. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc; voted 6-0.

4. Approve Warrants

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to approve the February and March 2015 Warrants. Motion made by Mrs. Dias, seconded by Mr. Patten; voted 6-0.

5. Approval of January 13, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion to approve the Minutes of the District Meeting on January 13, 2015. Motion made by Mr. Worden, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc. Voted 5-0.

6. New Business

a. FY 2014 Reconciliation Revision

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to receive and place on file the Directors Report. Motion made by Mrs. Dias, seconded by Mr. Patten.

Mr. Alfonse updated the Board; the District received a payment in the amount of 2,222.47 from the tenants at the Quanapoag Road property which included the second half of December's rent, January's rent and the increase due to the escrow account.

b. Approve Contract Award and Funds for Phase 2 Cell 5

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to award the contract for Phase 2 Cell 5 construction to David G. Roach and Sons and a vote to transfer the amount from Phase 2 reserve to be appropriated for Phase 2 cell 5 construction for the amount of \$4,067,492.76. Motion made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Mr. Patten. Voted 6-0.

Attorney Thomas pointed out that a totally new bid construction package was developed for this bid process.

c. Winter Storm Management

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to hear an update on the winter storm management from the Executive Director. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc.

Chairperson Tierney recognized Mr. Alfonse, who wanted to make the Board aware that the District has a "good neighbor" policy. As such, in snow events the District plows out some neighbors, Country Acre Lane in Dartmouth and sometimes in the Business Park. This year the City of New Bedford asked the District to provide front end loaders on a few occasions. During the President's Day weekend the snow fall posed a public safety crisis; District operators worked around the clock. The District incurred \$5,700 in overtime costs; this amount hasn't significantly impacted the overtime budget.

d. Purchase of Pickup Truck

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to ratify the purchase of the 2011 Chevrolet Silverado in the amount of \$15,000. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Worden. Voted 6-0.

e. Disposition of Surplus Equipment

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to declare the 1994 Caterpillar D8N dozer and the 1995 Caterpillar D5H dozer surplus equipment and advertise and sell the equipment in accordance with the requirements of MGL c 30b to the highest responsive bidder. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mrs. Dias; voted 6-0.

f. Inquiry from Town of Freetown

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to discuss the inquiry from the Town of Freetown. Motion made by Mrs. Dias, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc.

Mr. Alfonse referred to the memo and contract from 2010 included in the packet. Mr. Healy, Freetown Interim Town Manager, contacted the District to see if it was still a possibility for Freetown to enter into an agreement with the District to dispose of solid waste beginning in FY17 after their 20 year contract with SEMASS expires. Mr. Alfonse stated that if the District were to entertain accepting waste from any other customer, Freetown would be one that we may want to consider as they are neighbors. The amount of tonnage is relatively small at about 1,000 tons per year. The group discussed matters such as what the tipping fee may be and should a floor be established; whether the arrangement would be with a partner or a customer and some of the terms of the draft contract included in the packet. It was recommended to refer the matter to the Hauler Subcommittee, and in the meantime Attorney Thomas and Mr. Alfonse can work on revisions to the contract.

Mr. Patten made a motion to refer the matter regarding the inquiry from the Town of Freetown to the Hauler Subcommittee, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc; voted 6-0.

9. Set dates for next District Committee Meeting

The next District Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 2, 2015 at 8:00 AM.

10. Adjourn to Executive Session

Chairperson Tierney made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the Hawes Parcel, reason being a discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the District's negotiating position, and does not intend to return to open session. A roll call vote was made:

Chairperson Tierney – yes
Vice Chairperson Dias – yes
John Beauregard - yes
Christine LeBlanc – yes
Dan Patten - yes
Larry Worden - yes

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.