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DISTRICT MEETING – May 7, 2015

DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK Final Minutes

The Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District Committee held a publicly posted meeting on Thursday, May 7, 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; Christine LeBlanc, Lawrence D. Worden, Daniel Patten, and John Beauregard. Nathalie Dias was not in attendance.

Also present: Scott Alfonse, Executive Director and Cynthia Cammarata, Secretary.

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 noted that the meeting was posted timely in both New Bedford and Dartmouth.

4. Approve Warrants

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to approve the May 7, 2015 Warrant. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Beauregard; voted 5-0.

5. Approval of April 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairperson Tierney called for a motion and vote to approve the Regular Session and the Executive Session Minutes of the District Meetings held on April 2, 2015. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Beauregard. Voted 5-0.

6. Old Business

a. Town of Freetown update

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to receive an update on the Town of Freetown from the Executive Director. Motion made by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Worden.

Chairperson Tierney recognized Mr. Alfonse, who told the Board that he, Mr. Patten and Ms. Dias met with the following representatives of the Town of Freetown: Paul Sadeck; Selectman, Jack Healey; Town Administrator, and Kevin Bernardo; Board of Health Agent. The Town is at the end of a twenty year contract with SEMASS and is currently paying \$26.47 per ton.

Freetown representatives said they are looking for a tipping fee that would start in the mid \$50 per ton range. Mr. Alfonse referred to the table illustrating a comparison of the existing customer contract rates to the proposed Freetown rate, and noted that the District wants to be fair to its existing customers and future customers. Mr. Patten recommended that the District preserve the current pricing, but suggested that the District may be able to assist Freetown with other services such as by offering household hazardous waste (HHW) collection. All in attendance agreed.

Chairperson Tierney asked for a vote keep tipping fees consistent with current pricing and to offer the Town of Freetown other services such as HHW collection. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Beauregard. Voted 5-0.

7. New Business

a. Directors Report

Brown and Caldwell has proposed one modification to the design of the cell 5 construction. One of the two storm water basins will be eliminated. Mr. Alfonse indicated on the map how the outlet size would be modified.

Mr. Alfonse told the Board that the District has a concern regarding the Construction Monitor who Brown and Caldwell proposed citing her lack of experience. The District has the right to approve the Construction Monitor who is the person who on site full time to oversee the contract. He and Ms. LeBlanc have been working together to line up a more seasoned Construction Monitor. Suggestions include having a more seasoned person in the roll early on in the project or having an Engineer on site.

In response to Mr. Patten's suggestion, the District applied for and received approximately \$15,000 for an abatement on taxes paid for Diesel fuel over the last two years. The fuel is used off road; moving forward the District will order the dyed fuel in order to avoid those taxes.

Mr. Patten made a motion to accept the Director's report, seconded by Mr. Beauregard. Voted 5-0.

b. Special Municipal Employees Update

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to hear the Special Municipal Employees Update. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc.

Mr. Alfonse has submitted requests with both the City and the Town to designate District Committee Board Members as Special Municipal Employees; Dartmouth has designated their members as such. Mr. Beauregard was at the meeting when it was voted on and told the Board that Mrs. Dias wasn't included in the vote. There was a discussion as to who would qualify as a Special Municipal Employee; Mr. Alfonse will clarify with the State which positions are eligible to be designated as Special Municipal Employee.

c. Phase 5 Legal Fees

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to transfer of \$3,453.75 from Phase 2 Reserve for the cost legal services related to Phase 2 cell 5. Motion made by Mr. Beauregard, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc. Voted 5-0.

d. New MMHG Health Plan for Retirees

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to hear the new Health Plan for Retirees. Motion made by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Worden.

The Mayflower Municipal Health Group sought a more affordable health plan for retirees, and found one plan that is fully insured through Blue Cross. Since then, MMHG voted to reduce premiums on the current plans for retirees. As a result, there isn't a significant cost savings with the new plan; just a few dollars per month. Offering the plan would require more paperwork for the District. To complicate matters, retirees from the District are still contributing to the buy-in. Mr. Alfonse's recommendation would be to not offer this health plan to retirees.

Mr. Patten made a motion to not offer the Blue Cross retiree plan, seconded by Ms. LeBlanc. Chairperson Tierney called for a vote; voted 5-0.

e. Lease for 74 Quanapoag Road

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to discuss the lease for 74 Quanapoag Road. Motion made by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Beauregard.

Chairperson Tierney recognized Mr. Alfonse, who told the Board that six responses were received after this round of advertisement – five were responsive. Mr. Perry was the highest bidder; \$1,650.

In accordance with Mr. Alfonse's recommendation, Mr. Patten made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to execute a Lease Agreement with Jason Perry. If Mr. Perry opts not to enter into the lease, the Executive Director is authorized to execute a lease with the next qualified proposer and continue this process until a lease is executed with the most advantageous qualified proposer(s) willing to execute a lease. The motion was seconded by Ms. LeBlanc. Chairperson Tierney called for a vote. Voted 5-0.

f. Banking

Chairperson Tierney asked for a motion to authorize the Treasurer to sign agreements to establish a money market account and checking account at BayCoast Bank. Motion made by Ms. LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Beauregard. Voted 5-0.

g. Items which could not have been reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance

Mr. Alfonse informed the Board that New Bedford Waste Services asked to bring in seven trailer loads of commercial waste for one week. This would be at the gate rate of \$71 per ton.

Chairperson Tierney called for a vote to authorize New Bedford Waste Services to bring in commercial waste at the gate rate of \$71 per ton. Voted 5-0.

8. Set Date for Next Meeting (June)

The next District Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th at 8:00 AM.

9. Adjourn

Mr. Beauregard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Patten. Voted 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM.