

**CHITTENDEN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING – VIA CONFERENCE CALL  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
DECEMBER 27, 2007**

**APPROVED COPY**

**PRESENT**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Bolton	-----
Burlington	Steve Goodkind
Charlotte	John Hammer
Colchester	-----
Essex Junction	John Lajza
Essex	Alan Nye
Hinesburg	Thomas Nostrand
Huntington	-----
Jericho	Bert Lindholm
Milton	-----
Richmond	Peter Parent
St. George	-----
Shelburne	-----
So. Burlington	Paul Stabler (Chairman)
Underhill	Mike Weisel
Westford	Michelle DaVia
Westford Alt	Jed Emerson
Williston	Carlisle "Mike" Coates
Winooski	Erik Heikel

**STAFF:**

Tom Moreau  
Jennifer Getty

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

- AGENDA:**
1. Call to Order
  2. Agenda and Public Comment Period
  3. Biosolids Contract
  4. Other Business
  5. Adjournment
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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Paul Stabler called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

**2. AGENDA and PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**3. Biosolids Contract**

**Board Action Requested: Approve Biosolids Contract**

T. Moreau briefed the Board on the background and current information concerning the current Biosolids contract, which was established in February of 1998. He explained that this meeting was to approve the cancellation of the current contract on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and to commit to creating a new contract including a decision on when the new contract needs to be ready.

**MOTION by Michelle DaVia, SECOND by Peter Parent, to approve the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment which would cancel the current contract once the new contract begins.**

**DISCUSSION: A. Nye asked why there needs to be a “to die date”?** T. Moreau responded that following discussions, the eight member Towns want the contract done quickly. A. Nye stated that he is not in favor of setting a date. B. Lindholm asked about the budgets for the district. Tom stated that Casella would continue to landfill for now. B. Lindholm asked about the financial impact and if Casella would be taking the hit.

**Paul Stabler asked if anyone else had any further discussion.**

**M. DaVia asked what the legality is of having one open contract and signing another one. T. Moreau said that the new contract expires on June 30, 2008 and the new one would begin on July 1, 2008. Tom said that what they are voting on today is to 1) agree to cancel the current contract June 30, 2008 and 2) to commit to establishing a new contract and setting a date for when the new contract needs to be ready for approval. A. Nye stated again that he doesn't think we should have a date set incase something comes up and we can't meet that deadline. B. Lindholm asked if we are sure that Casella is going to be with us on this and Tom said they will honor and reinstate the contract. He said that CSWD's role will be acting as a broker between Casella and the member towns. A. Nye asked about enterprise funds and Tom said yes. Tom said that the conflict of the new contract is the fuel surcharge which Casella is in favor of and CSWD is not. S. Goodkind mentioned that the timeline of the contract due date won't affect the towns budgeting because budgets will already have been done. T. Moreau stated that he would like to bring the contract to the Board at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.**

**Paul stabler asked if the Board was ready to vote on the motion.**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

A question was asked regarding what the increase would be for sewer bills and Tom said that it would be more like a 10 percent increase rather than a 3 percent increase.

#### **4. Other Business**

Tom discussed the new policy of paying the haulers for their recycling \$7.00 in district and \$2.00 out of district. He said that we are working on a pilot plan to help the haulers get containers.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Mike Coates, SECOND by Peter Parent, to adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

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Jennifer Getty, Recording Secretary

*I agree that this is an original copy of minutes and they have been approved by motion of the Board of Commissioners at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting held in \_\_\_\_\_.*

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*Carlisle "Mike" Coates, Secretary/Treasurer*