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Public FY2025 Draft Budget Hearing

and

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Virtual Meeting

Physical Location: Ascutney Professional Building

Ascutney, Vermont

Wednesday, January 10, 2024

4:30 PM

Board members present: Steve Willbanks (Strafford), Neil Fulton (Norwich), Bob Stacey (Hartland), Vern Clifford (Pomfret), Eric Duffy (Woodstock), Lynne Bertram (Bridgewater), Gene Craft (Vershire), Jim Masland (Thetford)

Staff present: Tom Kennedy, Ham Gillett

FY2025 Draft Budget Public Hearing

Tom K. reviewed the proposed budgets for GUVSWMD and the Organics Transfer Station.

No public comments.

Steve W. moved to close the public hearing. Bob Stacey seconded. Tom K. called the roll. Motion accepted.

Board of Supervisors Meeting

1. Changes to the Agenda

Neil F. requested **Item 4. Discussion and approval of draft FY 25 Budget** be moved up on the agenda. Board members voiced no objections.

4. Discussion and Approval of Draft FY 25 Budget (Enclosure)

Vern C. asked if there is a termination date for the airspace space agreement between GUV and Twin State Sand and Gravel. Tom K. said that there is no termination date.

Neil F. asked Tom K. to comment further on the FY2024 and projected FY2025 HHW costs.

Tom K. said that he had told Mia Roethlein at VT DEC/Solid Waste that GUV could only afford to hold one HHW event in 2024 and that the funds saved from a second event would be applied to the construction of a permanent HHW Depot (location to be confirmed). The permanent facility would be similar to the Springfield HHW Depot.

Neil F. asked if there is potential state funding available for construction of the new depot. Tom K. said that there may be possible grant funding available.

Tom K. stated that, between the revenue loss due to GUV residents leaving the Hartford TS for the Lebanon facility and the sky rocketing HHW costs, the GUV budget is not sustainable. Tom K. will meet with the Hartford DPW Director on January 12 to discuss possibilities.

Neil F. asked for an explanation of “new member assessment” in the budget. Tom K. explained that the per capita rate on the bond payment will decrease from \$10 to \$9 in FY2025.

Tom K. explained the proposed changes to the Agri-Cycle/GUVSWMD agreement.

Eric D. moved to accept the FY2025 GUV budget. Steve W. seconded. Tom K. took roll. Motion accepted.

Bob S. moved to accept the FY2025 Organics Transfer Station budget. Jim Masland seconded. Tom K. took roll. Motion accepted.

3. Receive November 2023 Financials (Enclosure)

Tom K. reviewed the financials. Eric D. moved to accept. Steve W. seconded. Tom K. took roll. Motion accepted.

Jim M. excuses himself from the meeting.

2. Approval of December 7 Minutes (Enclosure)

Steve W. moved to accept. Bob S. seconded. Tom K. took roll. Motion accepted.

6. Legislature – Battery Bill

Tom K. briefly mentioned the issue of the increase in fires due to the increased use of lithium batteries. The legislature will be discussing this. There is also continuing discussion about changes to the bottle bill and the expansion of types of bottles to be included.

5. Recycling Coordinator’s Report (enclosure)

Ham G. stated that due to COVID, the holidays, and the use of vacation time, he had done minimal outreach since reporting at the December 7 board meeting.

7. New Business - None

8. Old Business

Neil F. asked for an update on the Audit Report. Tom K. reported that the auditors’ progress continues to be very slow.

9. Adjourn

Lynne B. moved to adjourn. Steve W. accepted. Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 5:09 PM.

The next meeting date is scheduled for March 20, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ham Gillett and Tom Kennedy