

**WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BRATTLEBORO, VERMONT**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2006**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Doris Knechtel, Chair, Newfane; Rebecca Day, Brattleboro; Lester Dunklee, Dummerston; Elizabeth Frye, Guilford, Stillman Vonderhorst, Marlboro; David Hannum and Dan Toomey, Putney; James Damato, Readsboro; Celie Ives, Townshend; Richard Jackson, Townshend; Amy Kleppner, Wardsboro; and Merrill Mundell, Wilmington

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sherry Manning, Brattleboro; Chris Ballou, Brookline; Phil Bartlett and Traci Fletcher, Dover; Ronald Wright, Dummerston; Richard Holden, Guilford; Mitchell Green and Clifton Inman, Halifax; Brian Chapin, Jamaica; Tony Gordon, Marlboro; Joseph Mandell, Newfane; Priscilla Margola, Readsboro; Albert Dupell, Stratton; and Irvin Stowell, Townshend; Vernon; Karl Twitchell, Whitingham; Tom Consoline, Wilmington; Randy Ameden and Wil Shaffer, Winhall.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Honorable Jeanette White, Windham County Senator.

WSWMD STAFF PRESENT:

George Murray, Executive Director; Paul Grandmaison, Treasurer; Joe Kowalski, Operations Manager; and Kathleen Harrison, District Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Doris Knechtel, Chairperson.

1.) Approval of November 9, 2006:

Ms. Day noted that on Page 3, second sentence it should read:

Motion was made by Ms. Day. . .

Motion was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Day to approve the Minutes of the November 9, 2006, with the above correction, and passed unanimously.

2.) Adoption of Fiscal Year 2008 Budget:

Motion was made by Ms. Day for the Board of Supervisors to adopt the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget as presented, (a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof) seconded by Mr. Mundell.

Discussion ensued concerning the 2007/2008 Budget as well as the actual budget figure. Mr. Murray stated that the amount the Supervisors should be considering is \$1,222,150.00.

Ms. Knechtel asked if the Board of Supervisors were ready to adopt the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year Budget as presented with the total expenses of \$1,222,150.00, and it passed unanimously.

3.) Apportionment of Assessment for Fiscal Year 2008:

Ms. Knechtel stated that the total assessment is \$350,000 with \$58,000 to be divided in the final fiscal year assessment of \$292,000. Mr. Murray stated that it would be best to indicate that the assessment will be \$350,000. Then as the Board agreed at the November meeting that the Town of Westminster's admission fee remaining after the purchase of the recycling boxes is distributed among the member towns, which were estimated to be \$58,000. Mr. Mundell recommended that the assessment statements to the towns need to reflect the payments to the District with and without Westminster's entrance fee. Mr. Mundell pointed out that the Towns need to budget the full assessment in the event something should happen before town of Westminster joins. That would present special town meetings throughout the District including the Board of Supervisors in an effort to raise additional funds. Mr. Mundell wondered if the Town of Westminster had any doubts at all regarding their proposed membership. Mr. Murray replied that he is meeting with the Town next week because they want to discuss how much they should be funding in their town budget for recycling in the schools.

Motion was made by Ms. Day for the Board of Supervisors to approve a deficit of \$350,000, without utilizing any surplus funds, and with the net admission fee of the Town of Westminster to be distributed to member towns in the form of assessment reduction, seconded by Mr. Hannum, and passed unanimously.

4.) Other Business:

On behalf of the District staff, Mr. Murray thanked Marlboro Supervisor, Stillman (Stretch) Vonderhorst for the assistance he has provided in the construction of the extension to the scale house.

5.) Adjournment:

Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Kathleen S. Harrison
District Clerk