

CVSWMD – Community Services Project – Advisory Committee – Aug. 30, 2016

Participants: Rob LaClair – Barre Town; Dana Hadley – Berlin; Bill Powell – Calais; Seth Gardner – East Montpelier; Carl Etnier – East Montpelier; Jon Jewett – Hardwick; Shari Cornish – Hardwick; Eric Holmgren – Orange; Peter Carbee – Washington; Jessica Martin – Williamstown.

Staff: Cathleen Gent, Bruce Westcott; Joseph Gainza (facilitator)

- Cathleen Gent gave a presentation that covered the following topics: background about CVSWMD and current programs; Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148); and results from the fall 2015 survey regarding residents' preferences for services within CVSWMD.
- Cathleen Gent described the committee purpose and meeting goals. Joseph Gainza then briefly discussed the ground rules and facilitated the next parts of the meeting.

Topic #5: Visualizing CVSWMD Programs in 5 to 10 Years

Participants wrote down their thoughts regarding the following two questions:

- What are the challenges that the region faces with respect to solid waste over the next 10 years?
- How should CVSWMD address those challenges?

Topic # 6: Approaching Program Development as Building Blocks

Household Hazard Waste Year Round Facility

- Local Transfer Stations – problem of pick-up and transport
- Training of staff to handle hazardous waste – must develop in-house expertise
- Alternatively: put contract out to bid – may be cheaper option; can issue RFP every 2-3 years
- Needs to be made easy and cheap for the public; convenience is key
- CVSWMD would need to be licensed to handle household hazardous waste
- Talk with ANR – what is needed for license; what are the start-up costs (talk with private businesses to get this information)
- There will be significant start-up costs
- Chittenden County not an option – too far to travel
- Need to know the number of users to determine whether it is economically feasible

Core and Rural Communities

- Central facility is far from rural areas
- Offer decentralized programs whenever possible
 - ARCC Deputies/Volunteers - collect materials in towns
 - Perhaps through a grant program or work with schools
- People are concerned that collecting ARCC materials would smell
- Roving ARCC
- Sorting at home a problem



- Have option where people can drop off unsorted materials that CVSWMD then sorts
- ARCC waste sorted at CVSWMD
- Subsidize local collectors (?)
- School projects – they earn \$\$
- Roving ARCC (?)
- Decentralize facilities
 - Look at having once a year collection from decentralized, local storage facilities
 - Municipalities have resources that might be available to CVSWMD
 - For example - Barre Town has a bulk trash day once a year
 - A facility represents a large financial obligation
 - Given CVSWMD's experience with operating facilities, the District should be flexible, nimble, operate within volatile markets, and be sure about its ability to take on a facility.

Serving In-District and Out-of-District

- Higher fees for non-member towns – makes financial sense
 - What is the right fee amount?
- Welcome new towns to District over time

Topic #7: Wrap Up

More information is needed

- Many town officials do not know what CVSWMD does
 - Provide information regarding where the funding for CVSWMD comes from.
 - Bruce meeting with local officials – good idea for CVSWMD to come to towns.
 - During Town Meeting – good for someone to stand up and talk about CVSWMD
- The public does not know where to go to bring materials – there are often silos for specific materials CVSWMD should provide information about where to bring specific materials.

Who should be included in the ongoing conversations?

- All member towns
- Send questions to attendees of this meeting so they can approach other towns or get more input from local officials/residents in their towns.
- Reach people in the towns – education very important
 - Local publications
 - Advertise
 - Use Front Porch Forum to both push and pull information
- Bring trash haulers into the conversation – they do not appear to be working with state or districts on Act 148.
- These meetings should be shorter – no longer than 1.5 hours

