

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Summary Minutes

March 2, 2012

10:00 am

Members Present:

Erik Grabowsky, Arlington
Alton Weaver, Alexandria
Mike Clem, Alexandria
Joyce Doughty, Fairfax County
Hershel Kirk, Town of Herndon
Thomas Mason, Town of Leesburg
Jane Tatum, Loudoun County
Sue Lhotka, City of Manassas
Scott McDonald, Prince William County
Tom Smith, Prince William County
Allison Lohrenz, Falls Church
John Snarr, MWCOG

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Steve Walz, NVRC
Sam Kinzer, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Jeff Steers, DEQ
Richard Doucette, DEQ

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Tom Mason, Town of Leesburg, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at the offices of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Scott McDonald, Prince William County, moved approval of the corrected minutes from the December 2, 2011 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jane Tatum, Loudoun, and unanimously carried.

VA DEQ PROGRAM UPDATE Jeff Steers, Division Director of Land Protection and Revitalization, DEQ, provided a program update. The Waste Division Department has changed its name to the Department of Land Protection and Revitalization to better promote the core mission of proactive protection of land and groundwater resources while addressing pollution at old contaminated sites. Recently the department has held a variety of stakeholder meetings in particular with Solid Waste representatives over the past year. The Amendment 7 regulation implementation, training, and outreach have begun. The Department is shifting its focus to having a stronger presence in the field, especially during construction activities. Mr. Steers highlighted that Northern Virginia has a lot of ongoing construction projects that have significant soil disruption. There is a new program at DEQ that allows for the reuse of lightly contaminated soil depending on soil condition and reuse purpose. Mr. Steers recognized that there is a paradigm shift taking place in the waste management field that shifts focus from large scale facilities to smaller materials specific facilities. The state is currently in the process of determining how to manage coal combustion residue, whether it should be labeled as a solid waste which would give the state more authority over it, or be labeled hazardous waste, which would give EPA greater authority. Currently, Senate Bill 676 is a major concern because it would change the solid waste reporting requirements, the bill would not require communities under 90,000 to report on solid waste annually, therefore the statewide recycling compliance rate would not be assessed. Composting was a major discussion point for the board, as it does not clearly fit into a regulating body. It is currently under DEQ Solid Waste, and Mr. Steers suggested that a possible stakeholder group could be organized around organics and composting. Chairman Tom Mason, requested to continue to be informed by DEQ on stakeholder groups.

WASTE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Steve Walz of NVRC, provided the legislative update. The board was emailed the Northern Virginia Waste Management Board Crossover Report in advance of the meeting. Mr. Walz highlighted a few waste specific bills including SB 492 which would expand the renewable energy definition to include landfill gas. SB 504 would allow operators of facilities that hold air quality, solid waste, or water quality permits to install new technology, equipment, or other apparatus at the permitted facility without having to obtain a new, modified, or amended permit so long as they can demonstrate that the new

technology will result in increased energy efficiency and improved environmental conditions. Mr. Walz also brought to attention several energy related bills that could potentially impact solid waste activities.

BIENNIAL WASTE REPORT Debbie Spiliotopoulos reported on the status of the Waste Report. Ms. Spiliotopoulos will coordinate a conference call to discuss changes for the next report. The Board had a final draft version of the Public Solid Waste Services in the Washington Metropolitan Region 2012. Jane Tatum of Loudoun County moved to approve the report, Tom Smith of Prince William County, seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

KNOW TOXICS CAMPAIGN Debbie Spiliotopoulos reported on the Know Toxics campaign. An abstract on Know Toxics was accepted by the SWANNA WasteCon 2012 conference. She reminded the group that there is a train the trainer on electronic waste coming up on March 24th. She will be sending out an email reminder to register.

HAULER FORMS WORKGROUP The Board discussed the status of the Hauler Forms. Scott McDonald reported that the uniform reporting form that was developed is working very well. Arlington, Alexandria, Prince William, Manassas, and Manassas Park are all using the forms. The board agreed it could be useful to have the form in an editable PDF form. The next steps are to discuss electronic reporting, perhaps by conference call in April or May.

LOCAL UPDATES and NEW BUSINESS Each locality gave quick updates, detailed notes are not taken during this time. Several items of note included CSI facility is to begin processing single stream curbside recycling. The next MWCOG Solid Waste Manager meeting is March 22. The next Waste Management Board meeting is June 15th.

ADJOURNMENT Tom Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting and all present were in favor. Adjourned at 12.00 p.m.