

## NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

### Summary Minutes

June 1, 2012

#### Members Present:

Scott MacDonald, Prince William County  
Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County  
John Snarr, MWCOG  
Jane Tatum, Loudoun County  
Kate Vasquez, Fairfax County (via phone)  
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County  
Hershel Bo Kirk, Town of Herndon  
Tom Mason, Town of Leesburg  
Mike Clem, City of Alexandria  
Alton R. Weaver, City of Alexandria  
Allison Lohrenz, City of Falls Church

#### Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC  
Linda Summerall, NVRC

#### Invited Guests:

Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ  
Sue Rowland, NVRC Legislative Consultant  
Margeta Eldredge, GBB (via phone)  
Jeremy Paradis, LEA, Inc. (via phone)

- CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Tom Mason called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Jane Tatum moved approval of the minutes of the March 2, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS** Debbie Spiliotopoulos reported the slate as Jane Tatum for Chair and Sue Lhotka for Vice Chair.  
The motion to adopt the slate of officers as presented was moved, seconded and carried unanimously.
- BATTERY HAZARDS/ SAFETY** Jeremy Paradis of LEA, Inc. presented on the hazards and safety of battery recycling, particularly for waste handlers.  
There are five types of batteries: lithium; lithium ion; alkaline; lead acid; and nickel cadmium. The more dangerous are lithium, which contain reactive chemicals and can generate heat and/or off-gasing, and lead acid (e.g., car batteries, data batteries), which is highly corrosive.  
Mr. Paradis reviewed universal waste handler requirements, battery transportation, battery packaging, and storage.
- Q&A** Mr. Grabowsky reported that Arlington County has plastic containers for weekly battery collection at its fire stations. Mr. Paradis said this is risky and Mr. Grabowsky should talk to the collectors about segregating the collected batteries.  
Ms. Gratton asked if the private sector is well versed in shipping. Mr. Paradis said it depends on the individual employee and suggested contacting the vendor for information. After identifying the best employee(s) ask the vendor for a redundant pick-up.
- KNOW TOXICS & UNIVERSAL WASTE TRAINING** Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported the training was held April 24 with a follow-up conference call. There for 43 participants and 32 completed the evaluation, giving high marks for the training. There is interest from the business community to sponsor the next training.  
There needs to be greater outreach to the business community for participation. It was suggested reaching out to custodial firms and hospitals. Ms. Spiliotopoulos will see if other associations provide continuing education credits. Funding is available to hire Mr. Paradis for the November workshop if the board agrees.  
Ms. Tatum suggested targeting the public service authorities/utilities and MWAA. She added that Mr. Paradis is a very enthusiastic and knowledgeable instructor.
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** Ms. Rowland distributed the final report for the 2012 General Assembly session. She pointed out the report included failed legislation. She reported that the Governor changed the recycling survey to require it annually only for jurisdictions with populations of 100,000 or more; smaller jurisdictions will report at least once every four years using the period of the most recent year. Mr. Coe added that the urban areas carry the bulk of recycling

rates in terms of the state report.

The board's legislative committee will hold its first meeting later this month via conference call. She asked the members to think about whether anything needs to be done differently for the 2013 session.

**WASTE  
CHARACTERIZA-  
TION STUDY BY  
SECTOR**

Mr. Grawbowsky noted that 63 percent of Arlington County's residents live in multi-family units.

His department recently conducted a one-day recycling audit snapshot with two commercial buildings and two multi-family buildings. The results showed the need to improve convenience and educational materials. One staff person has been hired for the educational proponent. Mr. Grabowsky added that commercial and multi-family properties can be fined for non-compliance.

**HAULER FORMS  
WORKGROUP**

The members agreed the forms look similar and some haulers returned completed forms to the wrong jurisdictions. This will be addressed in the June 6 conference call.

**NEW BUSINESS –  
MEETING TIME**

Ms. Spiliotopoulos explained that the meeting time of the Mayors and Chairs conflicts with the Waste Board meetings and asked if the board should meet earlier on the dates in conflict or should all the board meetings start earlier. Mr. Grabowski moved that the board change its meeting time to 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**ADJOURMENT**