

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Summary Minutes

December 7, 2013

Members Present:

Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County
John Snarr, MWCOG
Thomas Mason, Town of Leesburg
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County
Tom Smith, Prince William County
Jessica Wessell, Loudoun County
Allison Lohrenz, City of Falls Church
Linda Brown, Arlington County (via phone)

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Linda Summerall, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Richard Doucette, Virginia DEQ
Raea Leinster, Yuck Old Paint
Sue Rowland, SR Consulting/ NVRC Legislative Liaison
Kate Vasquez, GBB (via phone)
Patty Dillon, SEC (via phone; presentation only)

CALL TO ORDER Tom Smith called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Tom Mason moved approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2013, meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

WASTE BOARD BUDGET Debbie Spiliotopoulos clarified that the proposed budget for FY 2015 reflects an expanded KnowToxics campaign. At the last meeting, the members agreed that additional funding for KnowToxics is money well spent.

Pamela Gratton stated she and Ms. Spiliotopoulos will document all expenses associated with the training program.

KNOW TOXICS Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported the training workshop will be two days this year since the group was so large last year. Jeremy Paradis has submitted his proposal based on the two days. The training is scheduled for March 6 and 7, 2014, and will be held again at Fairfax County's facility.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported that HVAC personnel and electricians need an 8-hour block of CEUs. The Waste Board members agreed this was worth pursuing.

WASTE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES Sue Rowland reported that the Governor's budget will be released December 16; look for an item on litter.

Ms. Rowland reported that NVRC's legislative platform addresses the lack of staffing at state agencies.

- Renewable Power – Prince William and Fairfax counties are concerned about what is allowable under state code. Draft language is being articulated. Ms. Rowland thinks there will be an effort to clarify this at the local level, e.g., what localities can take credit for. VML and VACo are involved on net metering and support this position.

- Tire Fund – Work is underway on the fact sheet.

The 2014 General Assembly session opens January 8 and will last 60 days. The House remains conservative; the composition of the Senate is not yet known.

The current Governor prepares the budget. In mid-January, the new Governor takes office. He can submit amendments to the budget but both chambers must approve those amendments.

Ms. Rowland expects bills on plastic bags will be introduced.

2013 WASTE Ms. Spiliotopoulos distributed the draft report. She noted she also has a European report

REPORT that can be used for comparison purposes. The members decided this should not be included in the report and requested it be distributed separately.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos requested comments by December 13.

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CHALLENGE

Patty Dillon of SEC in Boston

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon