

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
Draft Summary Minutes
December 9, 2016

Members Present:

Alton Weaver, City of Alexandria
Mike Clem, City of Alexandria
Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County
Chris McGough, City of Falls Church
Reneé LaFollette, Town of Leesburg
Jessica Wessell, Loudoun County
Monica Boehringer, City of Manassas

John Snarr, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
Scott MacDonald, Prince William County

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC
Erica Wohlleben, NVRC

Invited Guests:

Ann Zimmerman, VA DEQ

CALL TO ORDER Erik Grabowsky, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Introductions were made around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Chairman Grabowsky moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF ALTON WEAVER Chairman Grabowsky presented Alton Weaver of Alexandria with a plaque in recognition for his service as 2016 NVWMB Chairman

2018 WASTE BOARD BUDGET UPDATE The 2018 Waste Board budget was met with no objections, pending approval by certain jurisdictions who have not yet cleared it through their budget process.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES There are several specific issue areas that are of particular concern to local waste managers. To inform elected officials and hopefully influence policy, the NVSWMB will create a package of position papers for dispersal to legislators and their staff. Pamela, Erik, Phil, Tom, Scott, and Mike C. have agreed to work on forwarding this effort. The individual issues are highlighted below:

Tire Fund

\$1 million was taken from the Tire Fund this year to cover state budget shortfalls. Pamela Gratton of Fairfax County will draft a one pager for Sue Rowland to send to NVRC commissioners regarding the importance of the tire. The hope is that then the Commission will send a letter to the Governor in support of the fund.

E-Waste

New data from 2011 shows that the cost of e-waste on to localities has increased. Jurisdictions were asked to provide their most recent data to Debbie Spiliotopoulos of NVRC in order to help facilitate an understanding of the change of costs. A 2-pager is being drafted to help elected officials understand the problem. It should be noted that the Computer Recycling Act does not cover phone and tablets.

Litter Fund

This fund represents the only source of direct support for solid waste to localities offered by the state. The contribution towards localities has stayed the same since 1981 and is insufficient in properly funding its objectives. Additionally, recycling (particularly certain materials) has increased in cost to the localities. Glass has become a major problem, with it being recommended that MRF's no longer accept glass recycling. One recommendation for the white paper should be that those with ABC licensing must recycle the bottles they generate.

MRF

A white paper on MRF's will also be drafted to educate legislators. It should highlight the fact that MRF's are currently unregistered and unregulated. This presents several

problems to localities in terms of ensuring that recyclable goods are handled properly and that local recycling tonnages are accurately recorded.

DEQ UPDATE

Ann Zimmerman, Hazardous Waste Inspector for Virginia DEQ, spoke on new regulations regarding Universal Waste Lamp Crushing. Facilities with lamp crushing capabilities are now required to notify the VADEQ of their operations and follow certain guidelines to be in compliance. Among these guidelines are: a clear training program for proper use of the machine that minimizes emissions, mechanical and secondary filtration requirements, regular mercury emissions sampling, record keeping, and a closure plan for clean up in the event that the facility closes. DEQ asked that Waste Board members help them in assembling a list of all known facilities with lamp crushing capabilities in the region.

As these new regulations have a training component for which existing facilities may lack the ability to perform, it was suggested that the Know Toxics provide targeted training to facility managers and staff.

NEXT STEPS FOR STRATEGIC PLAN

Pamela Gratton of Fairfax County provided her draft of an updated Strategic Plan for the Waste Board, which included both the responsibilities of the Waste Board as well as an outline of the activities that the Board will perform. Suggestions for additions to the plan included: lifecycle analysis of problem elements in the waste stream, the assembly of position paper packages to present to elected officials so that they are briefed on the challenges of waste management, the maintenance of small subgroups oriented around particular issue areas, and more information about funding (including opportunities for outside funding). It was decided that the agenda for the next meeting would include 30 minutes for further discussion of the strategic plan.

WASTE REPORT/KNOW TOXICS

Survey subcommittee/waste board members need to identify elements to include that will support local planning needs. NVRC will start collecting data for the next Waste Report in Spring 2017. The budget leaves room for either the waste report or a Know Toxics event, so there will not be a training event this year unless there is interest and funding.

NEW BUSINESS

No notes taken during roundtable/new business

NEXT WASTE BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 3, 2017.