

**NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**Summary Minutes**

September 11, 2009

10:00 am

**Members Present:**

Kathy Allan, City of Falls Church  
Thomas Smith, Prince William County  
Jane Tatum, Loudoun County  
Hershel Kirk, Town of Herndon  
Tom Mason, Town of Leesburg  
Pamela Gratton, Fairfax County  
Sue Lhotka, City of Manassas  
Stiles Peabody, City of Alexandria  
John Snarr, MWCOG

**Staff Present:**

Marshall Popkin  
Debbie Spiliotopoulos

**Invited Guests:**

Richard Doucette, VADEQ  
Kathryn Perszyk, VADEQ

**CALL TO ORDER** Vice Chairman Kathy Allan (City of Falls Church) called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The minutes from the June 2009 meeting will be voted on by email, due to the fact that only one member who attended the June meeting also attended the meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS** Meeting participants introduced themselves.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE** Debbie Spiliotopoulos (NVRC) provided the Legislative Update on behalf of Sue Rowland, who was unable to attend. Ms. Spiliotopoulos distributed the governor's budget reductions for FY 2010.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos asked the Waste Board to consider the degree to which flow control should be encouraged at the State level. Jane Tatum (Loudoun County) stated that given the current economic situation, the Waste Board should not push on flow controls; on the other hand, the Waste Board needs to ensure that the message is delivered to the State to a certain degree. Legislative liaisons plan to shorten and focus the platform for the coming year. Solid Waste recommendations are not included in the State legislative update.

Ms. Spiliotopoulos will forward the Waste Board's 'Position Statement' to the current Board members in order to incorporate this into a larger global statement on flow controls. A conference call will be scheduled with NVRC Legislative Liaison, Sue Rowland.

**UPDATE ON AMENDMENT 7 – VIRGINIA SOLID WASTE REGULATIONS** Kathryn Perszyk (VADEQ) discussed the status of Amendment 7 to the Virginia Solid Waste Regulations, which reorganizes statutes pertaining to waste facilities and exemptions. Amendment 7 was published in the Virginia Register in July 2009; comments were accepted through September 4<sup>th</sup> and the State is in the process of reviewing comments. Ms. Perszyk estimates the new regulations will be approved in January 2010, and take effect a few months thereafter. This reorganization effort strives to streamline the existing regulations; additional information is available on VADEQ's website.

**FOOD COMPOSTING UPDATE** John Snarr (MWCOG) discussed MWCOG's ongoing efforts to increase food composting throughout the region. MWCOG hosted a related meeting in May 2009, which was attended by more than 100 individuals. Additional discussions are scheduled to occur among the outreach, regulatory, and economic subcommittees. Ms. Spiliotopoulos, Pamela Gratton (Fairfax County), Thomas Smith (Prince William County), and other members have participated in these meetings and conference calls.

MWCOG's meetings also have touched on issues related to yard waste. Ms. Spiliotopoulos distributed a table that contains local codes for yard waste in Maryland, DC, and Virginia generated by Pamela Gratton as part of the MWCOG effort.

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- BALLS FORD COMPOSTING FACILITY** Mr. Smith provided a Power Point Presentation to the Waste Board on Prince William County's Balls Ford Composting Facility. The facility, in operation since 1994, is located just off of I-66 and is run by Eastern Clearing. The facility sells some of its products, including compost (\$16/yd), double and single ground mulch (\$12/yd), and topsoil (\$32/yd).
- Prince William County has agreed to sell the property to LS Power; LS Power has a 3-year opt-out option. The County is considering a number of options for relocating the facility and hopes to have the new facility in operation by October 2010.
- 2009 ANNUAL REPORT** Ms. Spiliotopoulos distributed copies of the 2009 Annual Report. NVRC went approximately 100 hours over budget in FY 2009 and will cover the costs. Jane Tatum (Loudoun County) motioned to approve the Annual Report; Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the report was approved unanimously by the Waste Board.
- FY 2010 and 2011 BUDGETS** Ms. Spiliotopoulos distributed a draft of the FY 2011 budget; several minor edits will need to be made to reflect the correct date for the proposed budget. Mr. Smith motioned to approve the FY 2011 budget; Tom Mason (Town of Leesburg) seconded the motion and the budget was unanimously approved by the Waste Board.
- KNOW TOXICS and WASTE REPORT UPDATE** Ms. Spiliotopoulos reported that the Know Toxics website has averaged nearly 200 visits/month over the last six months, with more than 1,000 unique page views. The most visited pages were for 'Private Recycling and Disposal Services' and 'Local Contacts for Residents.' Stiles Peabody (City of Alexandria) stated that he found the site difficult to navigate in spots. Ms. Allan suggested that the site start posting local Household Hazardous Waste events.
- Ms. Spiliotopoulos presented an electronic copy of the draft 11<sup>th</sup> annual Waste Report. The current version of the Waste report is 65 pages in length. Ms. Spiliotopoulos will organize a conference call to discuss the report further; NVRC expects to complete the report in November or December 2009.
- LOCAL UPDATES** During this segment of the meeting, no minutes are kept of information exchanged among the board members.
- ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m. The next meeting will occur on December 4, 2009.