

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 6:30PM – via ZOOM and
Lyndon Public Safety Building, 316 Main Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851**

The Board meeting was called to order @ 6:40 p.m. by Nicholas Rivers, Board Chair

Present: Nicholas Rivers (Albany & Irasburg); Bruce Rumball (Brighton); Bob Sandberg (Corinth); Walter McNeil (Danville); Fran Bachelder and Irene Dagesse (Derby); Kirwin Flanders (East Haven); Theresa Perron (Glover); Ken Johnston (Greensboro); Mike Nahmais (Groton); Darrell Martin (Holland); David Sanders (Jay); Steve Gray (Lyndon); Bryan White (Lunenburg); John Narowski (Newbury); Steve Barrup (Newport Town); Gina Vigneault (Norton); Amber Lowell (Peacham); Gene Perkins (Ryegate); Jack Smith (Sheffield & Wheelock); Adam Bruggeman (Sutton); Jake Thompson (Topsham); Anne Quirion (Troy); Barb Nolan (UTG); Richard Stodola (Waterford); Jacques Couture (Westfield); Miriam Simonds (Westmore).

Absent:, Barnet, Bloomfield, Brownington, Brunswick, Cabot, Charleston, Concord, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Maidstone, Marshfield, Morgan, Newark, Stannard, Victory.

Staff present- Christian Thompson, Executive Director

Visitors –Shannon Choquette, minutes clerk. Paul Hayes, Caledonian-Record

Updates to Agenda – Minutes Clerk (Other Business)

Approval of Minutes – Vote to approve of minutes from November 11, 2025, as submitted. Motion 2nd. Motion approved.

Approval of 2026 Budget – Budget was presented to Board of Supervisors and draft budget was passed. It moved through two public hearings; no public comments were received at either meeting. According to the Charter, the budget needs to be passed by December 15.

Motion to approve 2026 budget. Motion 2nd. Motion approved.

Updates -

Programs - The Board previously approved the SWIP for 2026-2030. The final approved SWIP was submitted to ANR and the process is now complete. The hauler exemption was granted for the district.

The Town of Barnet received notice from ANR that a Notice of Termination should be filed for wastewater reporting associated with the closed Barnet landfill. Periodic monitoring was previously required to check on any presence of leachate and stormwater runoff from the site. Chris submitted a Notice of Termination which would end the periodic application process and check in from ANR. Chris consulted with Barnet and put together a short application, which ANR quickly approved.

Foam machine - Running on consistently over the past few weeks. The entire backlog of foam at the District facility has been processed, and the District is now picking it up from the towns and accepting it from walk-in customers at the Lyndon facility. We're now processing foam about 2 days a week with part time employees. Towns should be reminded to tell residents to remove tape from foam and ensure the foam is clean, dry, and free of embedded non-foam materials. There is some capacity to increase the number of collection sites around the district. Please reach out to Chris if your town wishes to be a collection site and he will assist in setting that up. A flyer was sent out to towns to display to educate residents about what foam is and is not accepted in the program.

Farm agricultural plastic recycling – Last month Chris mentioned a proposition from a watershed protection group in the northern CT River area. Ag film would be collected from farms in order to divert it from the landfill, and it would be baled at the District facility for sale/re-use. This should be starting in January at the earliest and will start at lower volumes (1-3 bales/month) than originally discussed.

Computers were updated to Windows 11. The District has nearly completed moving IT support to Northeast Computers in Lyndonville.

One of the leased Ryder trucks had a repair on a tire at no cost to the District.

Pellet bag recycling – residents are asking if pellet bags can be accepted for recycling. Pellet bags, if clean and dry, can be recycled in small quantities at some local grocery stores, including Price Chopper. Reach out to your local grocer to ask if they accept plastic bags for recycling.

Some companies are having a hard time getting rid of 5-gallon buckets. If anyone has any ideas of reuse for these buckets, they are available for free at Maple Grove in St. Johnsbury. They are recyclable but cannot be handled by MRFs because of their size. Nicholas Rivers can put anyone in touch with Maple Grove if their town is interested.

Financial – In the last few months month, expenses were quite higher than revenues. This is primarily due to the shipment of household hazardous waste at the end of the season before the unheated HHW storage units freeze. Also, the annual skid steer payment was due. Other typical invoices were also paid.

Question regarding budget and tire disposal – The current budget is \$15,000 for tire disposal and the district has exceeded this price. In 2026 the budgeted amount for tire disposal is still \$15,000. The Wheels for Warmth program in October charged customers \$5 per tire. The District charges \$3 per tire. The Board should discuss raising the price of tire disposal to \$4 per tire for 18 inches and less. Chris has started list of what other districts and individual towns charge for tire disposal. Chris can present this at the January meeting.

Other Business –

Minutes clerk – January will be Shannon's last month of being the minutes clerk. This is a paid position, \$50 a meeting. Please contact Chris if you are interested in the position.

The current outreach coordinator will be phasing out of her duties, so that position will be filled at the beginning of the new year. There will be a short overlap in employees to help train the new outreach coordinator.

Motion to adjourn, 2nd, approved 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted, Shannon Choquette