

**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2026, 6:30PM – via ZOOM and at
Lyndon Public Safety Building, 316 Main Street, Lyndonville, VT 05851**

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

Present: Nick Rivers (Albany, Irasburg), William Douglas (Barnet), Paulette Routhier (Bloomfield, Brunswick Maidstone), Bruce Rumball (Brighton), Betty Ritter (Cabot), Walter McNeil (Danville), Irene Dagesse + Fran Bachelder (Derby), Kirwin Flanders (East Haven), Ken Johnston (Greensboro), Theresa Perron (Glover), Darrell Martin (Holland), Janice Halpin (Newark), John Narowski (Newbury), Steve Barrup (Newport Town), Gina Vigneault (Norton), Amber Lowell (Peacham), Gene Perkins + Regina Hazel(Alt) (Ryegate), Preston Smith (Sheffield, Wheelock), Adam Bruggeman (Sutton), Anne Quiron (Troy), Barb Nolan (UTG), Richard Stodola (Waterford), Miriam Simonds (Westmore).

Absent: Brownington, Charleston, Concord, Corinth, Granby, Groton, Guildhall, Jay, Kirby, Lunenburg, Lyndon, Marshfield, Morgan, Stannard, Topsham, Victory, Westfield,

Staff present- Christian Thompson, Executive Director

Visitors – Kathy Bales

Updates to Agenda – none

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve minutes from September 8, 2026. Motion 2nd. Motion approved.

2027 Draft Budget Presentation

Chris presented the 2027 Draft Budget, highlighting key expense and revenue changes from the 2026 budget, including the annual financial audit, heating and transportation fuel costs, IT services, electricity, building maintenance, hazardous materials disposal, additions to the Capital Fund, and reductions in the value of recyclables sold. The expense/income figures for the household and business hazardous waste program are a best estimate as DEC's new program rules are still not finalized and will go into effect in 2027. To keep pace with inflation and the dramatic rise in diesel fuel prices, the Draft Budget proposes an increase in the Per Capita Fee (for employee health insurance) from \$1.16pp to \$1.51pp, and an increase in the Trash Surcharge Fee from \$31.50/ton to 32.50/ton, and an increase in Stop/Pickup Fees from \$65(towns)/\$42(schools) to \$70/\$47.

The District will hold two public hearings on the 2027 Draft Budget: 11/4/26 at 3:30pm, and 11/10 at 3:30pm; both hearings can be attended on Zoom or in person at the District Office in Lyndonville. The Draft Budget will also be emailed to all District towns for review and comments.

A motion was made to approve the 2027 Draft Budget with expenditures and revenues of \$1,032,207 motion 2nd, motion passed.

Financial Update

Chris updated the Board on the financial position of the District with 75% of the fiscal year complete. September saw strong trash surcharge revenue, and revenues exceeded expenses by nearly \$26K. The District is now running an annual surplus of nearly \$7K. The District has paid back most of the Capital Funds that were borrowed earlier in the year to improve cash flow. It's anticipated that the remainder of the funds will be paid back in October.

Operational Update

Cardboard prices have increased from \$90 to \$100/ton recently, as other commodity prices have remained level. Recycling volumes have decreased as summer residents leave the area.

Chris is investigating cost-saving changes to the District's disposal of fluorescent bulbs and glass. More information will be available at the November meeting.

Chris detailed the final month of HHW collection events and that the final inventory of waste will be shipped out in mid-October. The last Bulky Day events will be in October.

Chris has communicated the District's concerns with the proposed HHW Collection Plan to DEC staff and will continue to collaborate with other Waste District Managers about any changes that would be in the best interest of NEKWMD.

Motion made to adjourn, 2nd, passed at 8:03pm.

Minutes submitted by Chris Thompson, NEKWMD.