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Draft September 14, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Town Representatives Present: Nick Zaic, Town of Arlington; Stu Hurd, Town of Bennington; Rob Gaiotti, Town of Dorset; Leslie Perra, Town of Manchester; Tom Shuey, Town of Pownal; Dave Kiernan, Town of Shaftsbury; Nancy Bushika, Town of Stamford; Dixie Zens, Town of Sunderland

BCRC and BCSWA Staff: Scott Grimm-Lyon, Paula Kamperman

1. **Call to Order/Approval of Minutes:** Dixie Zens called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. A motion to approve the minutes of the 6/1/22 BCSWA meeting was made by Nick Zaic, seconded by Tom Shuey and passed unanimously.
2. **FYE 2022 BCRC SWIP Report:** Scott Grimm-Lyon reviewed the End of Fiscal Year Solid Waste Implementation Report. He explained that while the operations budget and the financial budget operate on different calendars, > Grimm-Lyon said that while the Fiscal Year is running ran 11,596.14 over budget, there is an additional \$22,749 available in reimbursement funds from the Agency of Natural Resources and that BCSWA should expect to receive by the organization by the end of the calendar year.
3. **Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility:**
 - a. Prefabricated Unit Selection: Grimm-Lyon went over an update of price quotes related to the purchase and delivery of prefabricated units for the permanent household waste facility. Quotes were updated as per the 6/1 meeting request to attain quotes with more comparable features including 3-hour fire proof rating, explosion relief panels, and additional features like shelving. Quotes were collected from the companies Safety Storage Inc., Securall, and US Chemical Storage. Securall submitted he least expensive quote at \$70,050.00.
 - b. Engineering Contract: Grimm-Lyon discussed the approvals process required by the Town of Bennington Development Review Board (DRB) to install the prefabricated unit, including site drawings that need to be created by a licensed engineer. To meet this goal Grimm-Lyon re-approached the engineering firms who replied to the initial RFP for the facility in the spring for assistance. A proposed contract that was developed by MS&K, Inc. was shared with the Board. Proposed contract services include performing an existing conditions survey of the

site, preparing a site plan, and preparing and submitting an application to the DRB.

- c. **Timeline and Budget Projections:** Grimm-Lyon explained the structure of the budget a noted in the meeting packet that includes expenses for the prefabricated unit, additional contractors, and facility supplies. That the project budget is \$120,000 with \$69,190.00 reimbursable through a grant from Vermont ANR with the remainder of funds to be provided by the 13 BCSWA towns. And that with the adoption of the Securall Trailer and MSK's professional services, the current expected expenses would be \$98,900.00
 - d. A motion to approve the purchase of the prefabricated Unit quote as updated by Securall and to accept the proposed contract for services by MSK was made by Nick Zaiac, seconded by Stu Herd and passed unanimously.
4. **Outreach & Events Update:** Paula Kamperman reported that this quarter she has visited 13 farmers markets across the Alliance, continued small businesses outreach, developed two CAT-TV segments one related to the instillation of a Green Cone and one related to Sorting and Recycling. BCSWA hosted a public event related to composting and will host an upcoming presentation on Recycling. The Alliance is actively working on developing a volunteer team to help work at events across the area, and is working to provide or direct events with technical assistance in meeting the source separation requirements. School outreach this quarter has been focused on cafeterias, and efforts are being made to work with both districts and lunch service providers. BCSWA maintains a social media presence on Instagram and YouTube and we encourage towns to share BCSWA content.
 5. **Call 2 Recycle Home Mailer Pilot Program:** Grimm Lyon discussed a plan to work with Call2Recycle (C2R), a battery recycling and stewardship program to help them run a Rural Home Delivery pilot program. Other SWME's including Landgrove will also be participating. The program is planned to begin in late October/early November. C2R has agreed to help fund promotion of the program and reimburse BCSWA for social media advertisements.

Zens requested that links to the Board of Directors be sent more information when the program starts. Shuey confirmed that he has had positive experiences working with C2R, and expressed concerns that the differences between batteries may not be easily recognizable to members of the public, and that rechargeables can catch on fire. Grimm-Lyon confirmed the program would include a battery identification guide, and that boxes were fire proof.

6. **Rupert ISWAP Update:** Grimm-Lyon reported that members of the Rupert Selectboard asked if it was feasible to have only a portion of the town join the program. Grimm-Lyon

will work with BCRC to do some GIS Mapping and to develop a potential pricing structure.

7. **Compost Bin Sales:** Grimm-Lyon reported that the final tally of the annual Compost Bin sale was 67 Soil Saver Backyard Composters, 36 Green Cone Solar Digesters, and 22 Buckets. Remaining stock will continue to be sold over the year, but BCSWA will not host a sale event and promotion until next year.
8. **Household Hazardous Waste Events:** Grimm-Lyon reported that the July 23rd event in Readsboro had 29 cars, which is a reduction from the 2022 vehicle count of 42. And the third HHW event for the year will be on September 17th in Dorset. Windham Solid Waste Management District is paying for 2% of the costs – and Pawlet (SWAC) is paying 4% of the costs of the Dorset Event.
9. **Tour of Casella MRF:** Grimm-Lyon reported that tours of the Rutland MRF, are available and that the day will include a tour of Rutland County Solid Waste District's HHW Facility for the same day. The board agreed to choose a day for the tour over email.
10. **Fluorescent Bulb Ban:** Kamperman went over details of the Vermont fluorescent bulb ban which will begin with a ban on the sale of fluorescent screw in bulbs in Feb. 2023 and continue in Jan 2024, with a ban on 4-foot linear bulbs. BCSWA has been distributing information to retailers, and encourages Towns to make this information available for their residents.
11. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
12. **Next Meeting/Adjournment:** Wednesday, 11/9/22 at 4PM.

A motion to adjourn was made by Nick Zaiac, seconded by Tom Shuey and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM.