

SRPC Commission Meeting

Friday, March 15, 2024 9:00-10:30 AM

Hybrid Meeting (Conference Rm 1A, SRPC Office & via Zoom)

1. Introductions

D. Landry called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and asked for introductions.

Members attending in person: Dave Landry, Dover; Michael Bobinsky, Somersworth, Bill Fisher, Farmington; Peter Nelson, Newmarket; Mark Richardson, Somersworth; Kate Buzard, Middleton; Barbara Holstein, Rochester; Katrin Kasper, Lee; Joe Boudreau, Rochester;

Guest speakers:

- Michael Nork, Supervisor Materials Management, Education, and Planning, NHDES Solid Waste Management Bureau
- Paige Wilson, Waste Reduction and Diversion Planner, NHDES Solid Waste Management Bureau
- Steve Poggi, Director of Operations, Waste Management Inc.

Members attending remotely: Mary Woodward, Lee; Matt Towne, Barrington; Mary Woodward, Lee; Steve Diamond, Barrington

Staff attending in person: Jen Czysz, Colin Lentz

Staff attending virtually: Lisa Murphy, Colin Lentz, Kyle Pimental, Megan Taylor-Fetter

2. Commissioner Roundtable

M. Towne stated that the Barrington TIF district passed at town meeting. The town will purchase property behind Calef's to develop into town commons. SRPC was very helpful to define the wants for the ultimate plan. The bidding for the new library also passed.

M. Richardson stated that the Somersworth Planning Board reviewed a conceptual plan for a proposed housing development project of 45 units.

W. Burton stated that the Town of Durham is engaging in a workforce housing project, and will look to SRPC for help with the project. W. Burton stated that Durham Town Council wrote a letter of support for a cease fire between Israel and Palestine.



S. Diamond stated that a subtle zoning change on frontage passed at Barrington Town Meeting which eliminated the class five access requirement.

J. Boudreau thanked J. Czysz for her presentation at the Rochester City Council.

D. Landry stated that the first two Commissioner field trips were a success and that it is a good idea for the Commissioners to get out into the communities.

M. Town stated that the Town of Barrington voters also passed the Community Power Coalition Commission and stated it is a great move forward.

W. Burton stated that a significant piece of legislation, HB1283, proposes the removal of towns ability to set zoning and put it in states power. He suggested SRPC look into this bill.

3. Business Items

a. Minutes of 1/19/2024 and 2/16/2024:

J. Czysz stated that since both sets of contain MPO items, they should be tabled and reviewed at the next Policy meeting. Given that the Policy Committee includes all Commissioners, but Commission meetings exclude some Policy Members, staff recommendation would be as follows:

- Prior minutes of Commission only meetings (RPC and EDD) can be voted on at a Policy Committee meeting, however, non-commissioners should abstain.
- Policy meeting minutes should be voted on by the Policy Committee to ensure those that are not commissioners can review and comment on the drafts.

B. Fisher stated that there was an error in the minutes where he discussed the acquisition of conservation land during the Commissioners Roundtable. It should be 370 acres not 170 acres.

b. Discuss Amended Bylaws

J. Czysz stated that the Commissioners have been presented with an updated draft for review and comment. The Regional Impact and MPO bylaws have been merged into the Commission bylaws. The updated bylaws will be presented to the Policy Committee for review and approval.

4. Solid Waste Trends and Existing Landfill Operations Guest Speakers:

D. Landry welcomed the guest speakers:

- Michael Nork, Supervisor Materials Management, Education, and Planning, NHDES Solid Waste Management Bureau
- Paige Wilson, Waste Reduction and Diversion Planner, NHDES Solid Waste Management Bureau



- Steve Poggi, Director of Operations, Waste Management Inc.

Michael Nork and Paige Wilson provided an overview of the goals of the NH 2022 Solid Waste management Plan. They explained that it is a 10-year plan with 8 goals and 76 actions, largely focused on achieving the states statutory reduction goals.

Michael and Paige presented on the Biennial Solid Waste Report and stated that the report which issued every odd number year is a check in on solid waste trends, statewide disposal figures and landfill capacity projections.

They provided an overview of New Hampshire disposal reduction goal to reduce MSW and C&D by 25% by 2023 and 45% by 2050.

The group engaged in a brief question and answer session touching on topics such as the amount of waste coming in from out of state and to encourage reduction and reuse.

D. Landry thanked Pagie and Michael for their presentation and encouraged members to send any questions they have to J. Czysz.

Dave Landry introduced Steve Poggi.

Steve Poggi provided an overview of the Turnkey Recycling and Environmental Facility. He stated that the facility has been in operation since 1979 and manages approximately 1/3 of NH's solid waste. The new TLR-III South Area (Phases 15-17) is permitted to provide disposal capacity to 2034.

The facility consists of two gas to energy plants, UNH gas processing facility, Leachate treatment plant, Material Recovery Facility, a hauling district, and public access activities. The gas recovery facility provides 80% of UNH's campus energy demand.

Other benefits to the local community include employment, taxes to the City of Rochester, and construction contracts for local businesses.

Additional capacity is likely available but not approved at this time. Permitted capacity beyond 2034 will be determined based on multiple factors including legislative initiatives.

The group engaged in a brief questions and answers session touching on topics including what will happen to the UNH energy program post Turnkey, what can be done locally to reduce solid waste, and costs incurred to the facility and to municipalities.

David Landry thanked Steve Poggi for his presentation and encouraged members to send any questions to J. Czysz.

5. Adjourn

M. Bobinsky motioned to adjourn seconded by P. Nelson. All members voted in favor, the meeting adjourned.

