

WALLINGFORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PROJECT POLICY BOARD

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 6, 2018

3:30 P.M.

The Special Meeting of the Policy Board of the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project was held on March 6, 2018. Present at the meeting were: George Noewatne, Cheshire Public Works Director; Curt Leng, , Mayor of Hamden; Bob Bass, Public Works Director, City of Meriden; Policy Board Chairman Michael Freda, First Selectman, Town of North Haven; William Dickinson, Jr., Mayor of Wallingford; Brendan Sharkey, Legal Counsel, Town of Hamden; Deborah Moore, Legal Counsel, City of Meriden (part).

Others in attendance were: Mark Bobman, Executive Director; Tom Lyons, Covanta; Joe Vitale, Covanta; and Ed Spinella, USA Waste & Recycling;

The meeting was called to order at 3:43 p.m. by Chairman Michael Freda, and members of the Policy Board introduced themselves.

I. Approval of February 27, 2018 WRSWP Special Teleconference Meeting Minutes

Mr. Bass made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Dickinson, the motion passed unanimously.

II. Contractual Matters – Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Contract

Mr. Bobman said Covanta brought with them an agreement for a transaction involving the Wallingford Transfer Station, that he had been offered an opportunity to review that agreement and declined. Mr. Freda said that sets up Item III pursuant to Section 1- Section 225(f), Section 1-200(6)(E) and Section 1-210(b)(1) of the Connecticut Statutes regarding the Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Agreement, and asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Bass made the motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mayor Leng. Mr. Bass requested an Amendment to the motion to invite Attorney Moore when she arrives, Mayor Leng requested Attorney Sharkey also be invited, and Mayor Leng made a motion to have the attorneys join the Board members, seconded by Mr. Bass. Mr. Freda asked that we clarify the motion and Amendment to have the attorneys join the Executive Session and Covanta representatives remain. Mayor Dickinson said the purpose is to discuss the term sheet and proposed sale, we need to understand our contractual relationship which is with Covanta, we have no relationship with the other party. Mr. Freda called for a vote on the amended motion, which was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

III. Contractual Matters – Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Contract (Mr. Noewatne, Mayor Leng, Mr. Bass, Mr. Freda, Mayor Dickinson, Mr. Bobman, Attorney Sharkey, Attorney Moore, Mr. Lyons, and Mr. Vitale)

The meeting resumed in Public Session at 4:12 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

IV. Motions/votes pertaining to matters discussed in Executive Session

No votes or actions were taken in Executive Session.

V. Technical assistance related to Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Agreement – Request for Proposals

Mr. Bobman stated on the February 27 conference call he reported that he met with Cheshire Assistant Town Manager Lou Zullo and Mr. Bass, that we did not discuss the documents in detail, the original scope of work pertained to extension of the Agreement with Covanta and as a result of new developments we recommended putting this on hold. Mr. Bobman continued, the document is reasonably complete and asked whether the Policy Board wishes to bring in a consultant to review the proposed transaction involving the Transfer Station. He continued, the other consideration as Mayor Dickinson pointed out is that we not lose sight of the time frame for action on the extension option, and that we have a decision on this item by June 2018.

Mayor Dickinson added, there should be a parallel track, whether it's Covanta or another party we need to have a sense of whether to exercise the extension option. Mr. Freda called for a motion. Mayor Dickinson made a motion to get a request for proposals out, evaluate consultants' responses and look to hire a consultant to do an analysis regarding exercising the option by June 2019 or determine what other options are out there, with funding for the effort from the reserves. Mr. Bass seconded the motion. Mr. Freda inquired is there any discussion. Mr. Bass asked whether we are putting the cart before the horse now that we have a proposed transaction, he said we should hold off until the April 11 meeting until we have more information. Mayor Dickinson said whether it's Covanta or another party, we're considering an assignment and not a whole new Agreement; and there is not a lot of time. Mayor Dickinson stated the assignment is not a negotiation, his concern is the time to conduct interviews and select a consultant. Mr. Freda called for a vote, and the motion was unanimously approved.

VI. Year-to-date tonnage report

Mr. Bobman reported the February numbers are not yet available.

VII. Next Meeting – April 11, 2018

Mr. Freda said our next Policy Board meeting is April 11.

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Freda called for a motion, Mayor Lend made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bass and the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Mark Bobman, Executive Director
March 8, 2018