



**Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District (NRSWMD)**



**APPROVED Meeting Minutes  
December 21, 2022**

**Attendees:**

Eric Slosek	Town of Amherst
Joan Cudworth, Treasurer	Town of Hollis
Jay Twardosky	Town of Hudson
Leo Lessard	Town of Milford
Scott Perkins, Chair	City of Nashua
Rhonda Whittier	Town of Pelham

**Staff:**

Jay Minkarah, Executive Director	NRPC
Kate Lafond, Finance Director	NRPC
Emma Rearick, Regional Planner II	NRPC
Kristin Wardner, Admin. Asst.	NRPC

**1. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Scott Perkins.

**2. Approval of September 21, 2022, meeting minutes**

There were no changes needed to the September 21, 2022, minutes.

***Eric Slosek motioned, with a second from Jay Twardosky, to approve the meeting minutes of September 21, 2022, as presented. All were in favor. Joan abstained.***

**3. Financial Update**

Kate Lafond stated the balance sheet reflects moving the \$100,000 Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) out of general checking to NHPDIP. The interest earned in one month was \$294.68 and the rate is continuing to trend up. Net income to date is \$64,309.01 and that will decrease as we move through the year and hold events. Projecting about \$26K net proceed at end of year. Lafond explained that with the \$100,000 CRF, she previously did a year end adjustment for accrued interest to bring the CRF back to 100k. Now that the CRF is at \$120,000, she is asking the District’s preference on the timing of making the accrued interest adjustment. The amount of interest earned would not affect the decision, it would just change how the balances are reflected on balance sheet. It was agreed that Lafond would make the adjustment at year-end as in the past. Overall, expenditures are in line with where things should be.

**4. Overview of district annual report**

Emma explained she compiled the NRSWMD annual report and is working on individual town reports that she will send out when complete. She then reviewed some of the highlights from 2022: 46% of participants coming for first time; 18% come at least once a year; the most popular event was in October; there was a total of 1416 households, down from last year – waste still up with a total of 135,756 pounds; and most people are hearing about events from transfer stations and town or NRPC

websites. She is looking into ways to increase outreach during the offseason. The most popular items collected were paint/stain, lawn/garden, and household cleaners. Joan Cudworth asked what makes up universal waste (the Veolia total is split between hazardous and universal waste). Emma believes that she could get that information from the manifests but not which town it is coming from and stated that it may be good to look more into that to get a sense if items are being received that should be going elsewhere. She is planning to reach out to communities to find out exactly what everyone accepts. Emma stated she is going to reword the survey question about how many households is represented to make it clear that there is no added cost. She said it would be interesting to compare what Veolia is reporting vs. what residents are self-reporting.

Scott thanked NRPC staff, Emma, Veolia and said the Nashua events went really well.

#### **5. NHDES HHW Department Change**

Emma explained that the NH HHW grant program is moving to the Hazardous Waste Compliance department. She said they are reviewing things and over the next 3-5 years will make improvements and changes on how they manage things on their end. Julie Ashton and Tim Prospert will officially take over as of July 1. Scott learned from Veolia that DES will be inspecting HHW collection sites in the future, so we should plan for at least one in 2023. He doesn't anticipate any issues.

#### **6. Permanent Facility Status Update**

Scott stated he had a discussion with Veolia and advised them to have the permit for the permanent storage facility removed right now. If it was just paused, it would still be subject to inspections which could be detrimental to Veolia and the city. He has told the city that the facility is still needed even though it isn't used often. In response to Joan, Scott confirmed that no one can use it right now. Joan stressed the importance of having the facility is huge for those in this region. Scott said that Goffstown not accepting according to their website. Joan said the district needs to find out where they can dispose of HHW. Scott said Nashua is looking to relocate all the PW facilities.

Rhonda asked if there are guidelines about size or location. It was unknown and Jay Minkarah said it would be worth looking at the guidelines. Joan said it would be helpful for the next meeting to get pictures of the facility and how much money has been put into it over the last 10 years. Scott stated that anyone who wants to visit the facility just needs to contact him first.

Rhonda stated she would like Veolia to come inspect in Pelham because the 2023 collection will be in a new location. Emma stated there will be an in-person pre-event meeting.

#### **7. 2023 Meeting Dates**

Emma confirmed with the group that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 10am still works for everyone. The 2023 meeting dates will be: 3/15, 6/21, 9/20, and 12/20.

#### **8. E-Waste Event**

Emma explained that Makelt Labs (25 Crown Street building tenant) reached out to inquire if would NRPC work with them to do an electronics collection. It would be a one-day e-waste collection separate from HHW. The plan would be to use tools from HHW collections to have a successful event. There is no

date or additional details yet and she stressed it is not a district event. There was discussion about electronics. Scott said he recommended the company Nashua uses for electronics: North Coast Services. Joan stated Hollis uses URT Solutions.

#### **9. Other Business**

Rhonda asked who takes care of Daniel Webster Highway and stated there was a large pothole by Volvo. Scott says Nashua maintains it. There was discussion of state roads, and who maintains what.

Jay stated Hudson is working on a new fueling facility; it is in the preliminary design phase right now. They are also doing preliminary designs for a full transfer station, plus taking in commercial trash to offset costs. Eric Slosek stated that Amherst is also replacing theirs.

There was a discussion about compost. Eric said Amherst is trying a program right now with an outside vendor. Joan stated Hollis currently takes food scraps for composting.

***Motion to adjourn by Joan at 11:12am, with a second from Rhonda. All were in favor.***