**AGENDA**

1. **Convene the Meeting**: Fred Thumm convened the meeting with Lee Cattaneo, Charles Sandlin, Bill Powell, Gerhard Postpischil, Norm Staunton (CompassWorks), Michael Durfor (Northeast Resource Recovery Association) Cathleen Gent, Cassandra Hemenway, Carl Witke, Leesa Stewart and Barb Baird attending. Barb Baird taking notes.
2. **Agenda Revisions**: None.
3. **Approval of the minutes**: Bill Powell made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. **Review of the Materials and Markets Analysis**: Norm Staunton of CompassWorks and Michael Durfor of NRRA introduced themselves and discussed the feasibility study with evidence for and against a facility. They looked at financials specifically- the generation and capture rate; the history of the market of 40 different material streams. Michael noted that the scope of the contract did not include full cost accounting. Reports varied and it is difficult to know what to expect. Long-term markets aren’t stable and the industry is paying for contamination. The market is picky about materials and any contamination.

Bill Powell asked about the prospect for zero sort long-term.

In a rush to capture single stream material, Zero Sort facilities used to say “When in doubt, put it in.” This has led to a loss of time and money pulling out contamination. Some won’t take single stream no matter what the price. There needs to be a lot of education and money going into education. The market wants cleaner and cleaner materials.

Cathleen Gent asked about single stream in Vermont. How difficult would it be to go back?

With so much contamination, loads of recycling are being thrown away. Outreach would be important whether single stream or source separated.

Bill Powell asked about flow control.

It would eliminate competition as the District would control materials.

Lee Cattaneo said Act 148 was a good intention but we are fooling ourselves about the amount of rejection and contamination. Maybe CVSWMD should pull out quality items and not worry about bottle caps.

Don’t forget about cost avoidance while capturing clean items.

Bill Powell wondered that since there is no financial mechanism in 148, if cherry picking is where the money is. Can we control costs?

The way to get uncontaminated material is through source separation.

Cathleen Gent asked if there was any direction from the EB regarding a business plan for the facility.

Lee Cattaneo asked about a flow control model. He stated that we are not being realistic until the board makes that decision.

You would have to have your ducks in a row legally.

Charles Sandlin asked how to get people to care about doing the right thing?

Education and outreach.

At this point Norm Staunton and Michael Durfor left the meeting.

1. **Direction for the development of a business plan:**

Fred Thumm wondered if the District should look at partnering. Leesa Stewart asked what level of risk the board would be comfortable with?

Bill Powell’s sense is that we are going to do this alone; no one is looking to partner. Regional politics provides an additional complication.

**Bill Powell moved to direct staff to look into what would work in our market and with Act 148; to investigate flow control language change; any partnering ideas and financing/bonding for a facility. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

The EB asked Leesa for a memo from former legal counsel Ron Shems regarding flow control.

**Adjourn – motion to adjourn 7:45**

**\*\*\* EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AS NEEDED\*\*\***