

NORTHERN VIRGINIA WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD**Summary Minutes**

December 4, 2020

Members Present:

Helen Lee, City of Alexandria
 Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County
 Adam Riedel, Arlington County
 Eric Forbes, Fairfax County
 Stefanie Kupka, City of Fairfax
 Erica Carter, Fairfax County
 Mike Farr, Town of Herndon
 Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg
 Jessica Wessell, Loudoun County
 Tony Hayes, Loudoun County
 Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg
 Scott MacDonald, Prince William County
 Deborah Campbell, Prince William County
 Monica Boehringer, City of Manassas
 David Donahue, Town of Vienna

Jonathon Wooden, Town of Vienna
 John Snarr, MWCOG
 Mike Farr, Town of Herndon
 Jessica Wessell, Loudoun County
 Rich Doucette, Virginia DEQ

Guests Present

Susan Hafeli, Fairfax County
 Susan Weingarten, Town of Vienna
 Endora Matei, Prince William County

Staff Present:

Debbie Spiliotopoulos, NVRC

CALL TO ORDER

Scott MacDonald, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Introductions.

PLASTIC BAG IMPLEMENTATION AND LEGISLATOR CALL

Helen Lee, City of Alexandria, provided an overview of the recent plastic bag fee law, the NVWMB presentation with DC DOEE on October 6, 2020, and follow up information from Virginia legislative services and tax authority on implementation, new schedules, outreach, or questions related to definitions. The October presentation with DC DOEE offered examples of implementation and education that points to the benefits of lead time for educating the public and businesses.

Tax authorities indicated that they will not address questions until an ordinance has been put forward by a locality. Questions on timing, as before any ordinance goes into effect there are public comment periods. At the September NVWMB meeting discussed the regional jurisdiction collaboration to reduce retailer confusion, and sensitivity of current economic conditions. Work together to develop a good template for those interested in developing the ordinance. Alexandria offered draft ordinance for other jurisdictions to review and determine if this could hold for a regional approach.

The group discussed that though single use plastic bag bills provide environmental benefits, the bill is essentially a revenue/tax issue with potential solid waste implications. There is little information from the state, even though its role will be to collect the tax.

The NVWMB asked NVRC to identify if a tax administration or city attorneys group meets at NVRC. They do not, but NVRC staff requested that the Executive Director offer an opportunity to present this issue to the CAOs or Mayors and Chairs, which meets monthly.

NVWMB noted that there may be equity costs due to single use bag fees that need to be considered for implementation and education. Alexandria, Arlington, Loudoun, and Prince William are reviewing this new rule. Towns would like to know their role if a county implements the bill.

VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR

It was announced that Monica Boehringer, Waste Board Chair, has resigned due to medical reasons, and Scott MacDonald, Vice Chair has agreed to become Chair. David Donahue, Town of Vienna, will act as Vice Chair. Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg Moved, Helen Lee, City of Alexandria seconded, motion carried for the new Chair and Vice Chair.

SEPTEMBER 2020 MINUTES	The September 2020 adoption of minutes moved by Helen Lee, City of Alexandria. Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg, seconded, motion carried.
2021 POLICY PRIORITIES AND FACT SHEETS	<p>Scott MacDonald, Prince William County, shared Fact Sheets for NVWMB adoption.</p> <p>Batteries: the new fact sheet on hazards from lithium and other batteries was moved by Helen Lee to adopt, with Renee LaFollette, Town of Leesburg to adopt, motion carried.</p> <p>A fact sheet with updated information on glass container recycling was moved by Helen Lee, City of Alexandria, and seconded by Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County motion passed.</p> <p>A fact sheet on permanent pharmaceutical recovery was moved by Helen Lee, seconded by Erik Grabowsky, Arlington County, motion passed.</p> <p>A fact sheet on paint stewardship through Paint Care was moved by Erik Grabowsky, and seconded by Scott MacDonald, motion passed.</p>
WASTE BOARD PRIORITIES	<p>The waste board determined that the 2021 policy positions should focus on two elements: extended producer responsibility and DEQ leadership. The EPR policy recommendation for framework legislation that triggers regulatory requirements based upon problematic disposal, would cover many of the specific problems facing waste management. Maine has this type of legislation, which limits the need for individual laws for each material.</p> <p>The DEQ position relates to systemic underfunding and understaffing of the Department especially as it related to leading on planning related to waste management. The position is in support of greater DEQ leadership and support of local waste management.</p> <p>Once complete NVWMB determined that they would review and vote electronically.</p>
NVRC LEGISLATIVE OUTREACH	Once approved, NVRC will put forward a resolution for the Northern Virginia Regional Commission authorizing the sharing of fact sheets and waste related information with legislative staff. NVWMB staff will share with legislative delegation from Northern Virginia, and others who were patrons for waste-related issues in 2020, along with a link and pdfs of NVWMB fact sheets.
SPECIAL PROJECT WORK GROUP	In 2019 and 2020, there were funds remaining, now totaling 17,211.93. This includes NVWMB membership in Northeast Recycling Coalition, which has significant resources on markets and issues facing Northern Virginia. An affiliate membership for the Waste Board would be \$500. The Waste Board voted to spend up to \$3000 for a plastic bag graphic and language/messaging related to plastic bags, relevant for both those jurisdictions pursuing single use bag legislation and those promoting not using single use plastic bags.
NERC REPRESENTATION	NVRC invited NERC Executive Director Lynn Rubenstein to speak at the March 5, 2020 Waste Board meeting. NVRC staff recommended waste board liaisons in addition to NVRC staff to represent. Erik Grabowsky and Scott MacDonald volunteered for this role
MARCH MEETING	In addition to the NERC presentation, and a legislative update, NVRC will invite Corey Miles to share information on a joint Litter effort
ROUNDTABLE	Notes are not taken during this session.
ADJOURN MEETING	The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

Next Meeting: Friday, March 5, 2020, 10 am using GoToMeeting.