



Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District

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TO: East Montpelier Selectboard
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In advance of my scheduled visit with the East Montpelier Select Board on Monday, June 1st, here is a summary of the possible topics for discussion.

1. CVSWMD's Plan for a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

In early April, CVSWMD provided information about the planned HHW permanent facility being planned within our District. CVSWMD is in the planning phase for that project.

- Background:
 - CVSWMD residents have consistently expressed the need for a year-round Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) drop-off center.
 - Vermont's Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) and the Vermont Materials Management Plan (MMP) impose requirements that are best met through a permanent facility for HHW.
- Benefits:
 1. Having a permanent, year-round drop off site for Household Hazardous Waste means hazardous materials are more likely to stay out of the landfill.
 2. A year-round facility means residents and businesses will have convenient services when they need them.
- Cost - Total cost is expected to be \$1.2 million
 1. \$500,000 from ANR
 2. \$594,400 from CVSWMD reserve funds
 3. Unsecured funds to be filled through grants or other non-bond sources
- Potential Location – Barre, Montpelier, Berlin, East Montpelier area
- Schedule to open: Spring 2022
- Once site opens, most likely would no longer hold annual Barre Town collection
- Ad Hoc Facility Committee – Jon Jewett has volunteered for the committee
- Re-activate the Municipal Advisory Committee – with members from each town

2. HHW event in Barre Town

Good news! Barring some unforeseen COVID-19 related problem, the Barre Town HHW collection will happen on Saturday, August 1. We will begin local advertising soon.

3. CVSWMD's Response to COVID-19 and Plan for Reopening

The CVSWMD office in Montpelier remains closed to the public. A small pool of staff are working at the office in shifts.

The Additional Recyclables Collection Center (ARCC) in Barre City re-opened on May 20th for certain materials: paint, batteries, bulbs, computer/TV electronics, and food scraps. We are planning a phase two opening (mid-summer) for other ARCC materials, although some items will no longer be accepted, due to COVID-19 related concerns or market issues.

We are doing curbside sales of compost equipment at our Barre facility. Our website lists the dates and times – www.cvswmd.org.

CVSWMD has moved from on-site outreach seminars and school classroom activities to online workshops. Members of the public can sign up on our web site for free online workshops – covering home composting basics, recycling right, and Don't flush that (avoiding hazardous materials). The materials for students are also available on our web site.

5. General Financial Picture

CVSWMD has completed 80% of our FY20 budget year. Total income is at 72% of budgeted income and total expenses are at 69% of our budget. We expect to end the year with a slight net positive for the full year.

CVSWMD is in the process of developing a final budget for FY21. The preliminary budget is set at \$1.2 million. The Board of Supervisors may make adjustments to the FY21 budget in response to COVID-19 impacts and other factors.

Any other Selectboard topics of interest are welcome and I look forward to meeting with you on Monday.

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