Approved Minutes Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District (NRSWMD)
Wednesday, June 17, 2026, 10 am, Public Meeting with Zoom Option

Attendees:
Craig Durrett, Amherst
Pat Flynn, Brookline
Joan Cudworth, Hollis
Jay Twardosky, Hudson
Tammy Scott, Milford
Mike Fimbel, Mont Vernon
Scott Perkins, Nashua, Chair
Rhonda Whittier, Pelham, Treasurer
Michelle Cooke, Pelham (NRPC Commissioner)
Representatives from Raymar's Express, Inc., including Brad Balon

NRPC Staff:
Nick Principato, Regional Environmental Planner
Salem Quinn, Administrative/Communications Coordinator
Kate Lafond, Assistant Director
Jay Minkarah, Executive Director

1. **Call to order:** Perkins called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.
2. **Raymer's Express Inc., Styrofoam Presentation:** Balon and company presented on their Styrofoam recycling process and facility. General discussion around what is currently happening with Styrofoam, what hurdles there are for recycling, and what next steps are. Raymer's is planning to reach out to NH Recycles. Pelham is planning to do a Styrofoam recycling event.
3. **HHW Program Status Update:** Principato stated that the first three 2026 events have occurred. The three events served around 750 households, which is about halfway to 1,560, the usual number of households served per calendar year. Principato completed his HHW certification and is waiting to hear the results. At the three events, people have brought smoke detectors, which HHW can't accept. HHW also can't accept propane tanks.
4. **Officer Appointment (action item)**

   Motion by Cudworth: To nominate Scott Perkins as the Chair of NRSWMD for FY 2027. Second by Twardosky. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.

   Motion by Cudworth: To nominate Rhonda Whittier as the Treasurer of NRSWMD for FY 2027. Second by Twardosky. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.
5. **Financial Update** Lafond gave update on financials. Milford FY26 dues are outstanding, so she just re-sent their invoice. This was the first full year with the increase in the collection fee. This brought in over $4K from what was budgeted. The projection is with the increase in the collection fee to make up the deficit.
   a. **FY 2027 Budget:** there are three budget options depending on the two-year (27 and 28) vendor choice.
      i. **Tradebe:** ~$1.8K deficit
      ii. **MXI:** ~$19K deficit

iii. **Veolia:** ~$40K deficit

b. **FY 2028 Dues:** There are four options for Annual Dues.

i. **No change**

ii. **3% increase**

iii. **5% increase**

iv. **7% increase**

The group noted that they first needed to decide on a vendor before deciding on annual dues.

6. **RFP Update/Contract Discussion:** There were three responses, which is one more than last time. Committee recommends going with Tradebe. Other vendors were too expensive. NRSWMD adjusted the contract to be two years instead of three. There was a big variation in pricing per event for each vendor.

   Scott noted that Tradebe were not using masks or long sleeves at Milford events, which doesn't seem safe. Tradebe also wanted to leave items at Milford site. Principato stated that these issues can be addressed with Tradebe. They need to be safe and have them take everything. Veolia costs much more, but they also take care of the towns.

   There was a sticky point regarding fluorescent lightbulbs. Besides fluorescent bulbs, batteries and vapes are also per item and not included flat fee. Pelham is now taking vapes, but other towns are not. Cudworth noted that it's difficult if some towns pay out of their budget to take batteries, but then also pay NRSWMD fees for HHW. She noted that this has happened before but with fluorescent bulbs instead of batteries or vapes, and it caused a lot of contention between the towns of the district. Principato will call towns to find out which towns/cities are collecting fluorescent tubes, batteries, vapes, used oil, electronics. He will also research what is truly hazardous waste now, since the waste stream has changed over time. Principato noted that Paints and Stains are 50% of items received at HHW. Gas is the next largest, followed by fertilizer. As dues increase, BOS will be asking about what fees go to, so it will be beneficial to get all the towns on the same page.

   Motion by Cudworth: To accept the Tradebe proposal. Second by Fimbel. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.

   Motion by Cudworth: To accept the FY 2027 Budget as shown on page 3 in the meeting packet. Second by Twardosky. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.

   Motion by Whittier: To table the FY 2028 Dues until the September 2026 meeting. Second by Cudworth. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.

7. **Schedule A: Scope of Work, and Exhibit 3: Responsibilities of Host Communities (action item)** Nashua, Pelham, and Milford.

   Motion by Cudworth: To accept Schedule A: Scope of Work, and Exhibit 3: Responsibilities of Host Communities. Second by Fimbel. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.

8. **Annual Grant and Contract Authorization (action item)**

Motion by Cudworth: THAT the Nashua Regional Planning Commission be authorized to file applications with federal, state, and local governmental units and other agencies to implement the FY 2027 work program of the Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District, and to execute agreements to receive funds for such purposes. Second by Twardosky. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.

9. **Correspondence**

    a. **Sanborn, Head & Associates, INC. Four Hills Secure Landfill Expansion:** Perkins reviewed the correspondence received regarding the Four Hills Landfill Expansion. Perkins accepted on behalf of the district.

10. **Approval of Minutes: March 18, 2026 (Action Item):** No changes were brought forward.

    Motion by Cudworth: To approve March 18, 2026, Nashua Region Solid Waste Management District (NRSWMD) meeting minutes, as presented. Second by Twardosky. A show of hands vote was conducted. **Motion was adopted unanimously**.

11. **Other Business:** Discussion regarding the out-of-region fees. New Boston had reached out since their HHW event was cut from the budget. We informed them that while we do accept some out-of-region households for a higher fee at our events, we can't take all the households from New Boston. Perkins wanted to provide transparency around the conversation with New Boston.

12. **Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 11:48 am.**

The next meeting is Wednesday, September 16, 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Salem Quinn, Administrative/Communications Coordinator NRPC