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WALLINGFORD REGIONAL SOLID WASTE PROJECT
POLICY BOARD

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Policy Board held on May 13, 2010
at Wallingford Town Hall

A Special Meeting of the Policy Board of the Wallingford Regional Solid Waste Project (WRSWP) was held at the Wallingford Town Hall on May 13, 2010. Present at the meeting were William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor of Wallingford; Larry Kendzior, City Manager of Meriden; Michael Freda, First Selectman of North Haven; Michael Milone, Town Manager of Cheshire; and Scott Jackson, Mayor of Hamden.

Others in attendance were: Doreen Zaback, WRSWP Coordinator; Cheryl Thibeault and Sheila Bilder of Covanta.

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

I. Discussion of Reserve Funding Mechanisms

Doreen Zaback stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss with Covanta the possibility of including an add-on fee to the tip fee charged to customers at the Covanta Wallingford waste-to-energy facility. The add-on fee would be collected with the purpose of building a reserve fund to be used by the member municipalities of Cheshire, Hamden, Meriden, North Haven and Wallingford for future solid waste issues.

Ms. Bilder indicated that Covanta would be able to collect the fee, but the current Municipal Solid Waste Agreements between Covanta and the municipalities would need to be amended. There was a discussion of when the add-on fee would be implemented, the amount of the add-on fee, which waste the fee would apply to and the frequency in which the collected fees would be transferred to a fund established by the Policy Board.

There was further discussion concerning whether the add-on fees would supplement a reserve fund proposed to be established by the Policy Board during the 2010-2011 fiscal year. An interlocal agreement establishing such a fund is currently being drafted by the member municipalities. It was agreed by the Policy Board that a reserve fund would be established with funds forthcoming from CRRRA Wallingford Project reserves at the level of \$2,000,000. Initial funding amounts made by each town would be based on waste commitment percentages

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used in the Covanta Municipal Solid Waste Agreements. Any collected add-on fees would then be added to the initially funded reserve. Discussion ensued as to what the reserve funds could be used to finance. There was agreement that the funds would be used to cover costs associated with change-in-law, force majeure, engineering studies and recycling programs; however, it was agreed that there should be a division of items that would require the approval of all five (5) Policy Board members and those which would require a majority vote. Use of funds for change-in-law and force majeure costs would require a majority vote, while use of funds for engineering studies and recycling programs would require five votes.

It was agreed that the add-on fee would not exceed \$1.00/per ton, would apply only to waste of the member municipalities, and would not be collected until July 2011. Add-on fees collected by Covanta would be forwarded to member reserve account on a monthly basis. Covanta agreed to draft an amendment to the Municipal Solid Waste Agreements for the collection of the add-on fee, but asked that the Policy Board forward to them a description of the reason for the add-on fee, how it is to be calculated, and how it is to be forwarded to the reserve fund. The Policy Board indicated they would need the final document by December 2010.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Doreen Zaback
May 18, 2010