

Ontario County
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 28, 2016

Committee Members: *RUSSELL*, Baker, Evangelista, Singer, Venuti, and Wickham

Attendees: Supervisors Russell, Baker, Singer, Venuti and Wickham

Staff: Mary Krause, Brian Young, Tim Jensen, Linda Frasca, Carla Jordan, Regina Sousa, and Holly Adams

Consultants/Guests: From Casella - Jerry Leone, Matt East, and Russ Anderson

Call to Order: Chair Russell, called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m., and declared all members present except for Supervisor Evangelista who was necessarily absent.

Approval of Minutes (EQC 8/17/16, Joint Meeting - FMC and EQC 9/7/16, and EQC 9/7/16): Chair Russell requested a motion to approve the 8/17/16 and 9/7/16 EQC minutes, and the 9/7/16 Joint FMC and EQC meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Frasca informed the committee that, as requested by Supervisor Venuti, a minor revision had been made to the 8/17/16 minutes, and that all three sets of minutes have been posted to the BOS website. ***Motion made by Supervisor Baker to accept the revised minutes and approve them with the two corrections, motion seconded by Supervisor Singer. Motion unanimously carried.***

Solid Waste Management Plan

2A. SWMP 2016 Implementation Strategy Update – Tim Jensen reported on the updated SWMP scheduled and shared the redistribution of tasks amongst himself, Regina Sousa, Carla Jordan, and Tom Harvey. Mr. Jensen reported on the Waste Diversion plans within the County with many elements to waste diversion i.e. organics, paper, etc. Mr. Jensen provided an Echo Hero updated and shared Echo Hero's has now met three times and have made some good progress to date. There are now boxes throughout the County for the collection of used ink cartridges. Purchasing staff worked with our vendor who has agreed to accept all of our used cartridges. Also, containers for used batteries collection have been place in various locations in the County. The batteries must be taped on both ends so as to make sure a spark from the ends touching cannot cause a fire. Shred Test update – Staff is looking at the use of Shred Text in place of purchasing some very expensive shredding equipment. Staff is also looking at a cost benefit analysis comparing the purchase of shredder equipment at a cost of approximately \$2,700 to having a short term contract with Shred Text for them to come in and do the shredding. An upside to using Shred Text is that paper that is shredded by them has a separate recycling for it.

Symposium Update – Mr. Jensen quickly reminded everyone of the scheduled symposium date (10/13/16). Ms. Sousa shared that there are now 35 people signed up to attend it. Phone calls and email reminders will be made/sent out this coming week. At the committees' request, Ms. Sousa will send them a list of names of those who have signed up so far to attend it.

Electronics Collection Event – Carla Jordan, Sr. Planner, shared that a possible electronics collection event is being discussed to be held sometime in early 2017. Using a map of Ontario County showing the areas that presently have electronic collections and areas that don't have it, Ms. Jordan provided an overview of what staff has been looking into as far as having an electronic collections event and what the regulations are. RCR & R, now known as EWASTE+ has participated in other electronic collections and is willing to partner with Ontario County with

their first electronic collection event in the first quarter of 2017. Discussion took place regarding alternative facility locations to hold the event, and the possibility of collecting and storing discarded electronics. Staff will update the committee as needed.

2B. Local Law Analysis: Mr. Jensen provided a brief updated on the local law analysis, and asked if they would be interested in being part of a working group outside of the committee that would work on how we approach revising local laws with the group (Planning staff and EQC member) would then report to the committee on the steps/progress that was being made. Committee members thought it was a good idea. Chair Russell requested that Supervisor Venuti represent the committee as part of the work group. Staff will pull it all together and report back to the committee when completed.

Landfill – Operations and Expansion

3A. Authorizing Extended Hours for Construction Hours at the Landfill – Chair Russell requested a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Ms. Frasca stated that the extension date in the 5th Whereas of the resolution had been corrected to accurately read January 1, 2017. ***Motion to approve the corrected Authorizing Extended Hours for Construction Hours at the Landfill resolution made by Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Wickham. Motion unanimously carried.***

3B. Operations and Expansion Update – Jerry Leone reported the following:

1. Jerry Leone introduced Russ Anderson, Manager of Landfill Compliance and shared that Mr. Anderson comes with many years of experience in SWM, specializes in landfill gas management, and would be a great asset to Casella.
2. Recently did a facility tour with Hobart William Smith last week.
3. Open House is scheduled for October 22, 2016. The event is being published in the area newspapers.
4. Casella completed the diversion of two (2) tons of marina shrink wrap. The material was collected over the last several months, baled up, and within the next couple of days is being sent to Pennsylvania to a manufacturer who will remanufacture it into plastic material that will be used as plastic.
5. Closed on the Jensen parcel approximately a week ago, and it is now Casella property. They are in the process of working with the Town of Seneca to work on the easements and the paperwork that will go hand in hand with the acquisition, and also with the DEC.
6. Recently received approval from the state for the horizontal gas well collector installation in the new cell with the installation taking place in the near future. Plans are underway for new wells that will replace wells already in place when they took off the final cover.
7. Thanks to the generosity of Matt East, Casella has struck an agreement with Camp Bristol who will be bringing Casella a minor amount of debris from the rehab of their bathroom facilities and in return Casella will be making a contribution to the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

Matt East thanked the committee for their recommendation of approval of landfill construction hours extension and reported that currently they have not had to work any Sundays but with the weather now turning they are unsure of how long good weather will hold out. Construction remains ongoing. Cell 9 construction is completed, and they are still waiting on DEC approval. Horizontal wells will begin being installed next week and hopefully they will receive approval next week. The excavation of the bedrock for Cell AB and they are putting the structural fill back in, and hope to be done by October 26th. Volume intake remains steady and there have been no incidents at the landfill.

HHHW Update – Mr. Leone reported that the 2nd HHHW event went very well with approximately 600 hundred residents participating. The facility was very ample and they (Casella) with the co-operation of the town the facility is located in are hopeful that they can use that particular facility again. Mr. Leone stated that he noticed there was a lot of paint dropped off.

Additional Update –

Ms. Krause provided a brief update on the CSEA safety concerns at the landfill. Most of the testing has been done outside of a couple of employees – there are not findings to date. As soon as all tests are complete Dr. Carlson will meet with Casella staff and will over the findings with them. Ms. Krause shared that Casella has incorporated all of CSEAs recommendation.

Matt East reported that the 2nd quarterly monitoring has been done.

Other

5A. Privilege of the Floor – None at this time.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the committee, *at 4:10 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Baker and seconded by Supervisor Wickham to adjourn; motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Frasca
Senior Clerk