

Ontario County
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 15, 2014

Committee Members: *BAKER*, Angelo, Evangelista, Sheppard, Singer, and Venuti

Attendees: All Committee Members, John Garvey, Darlys, McDonough, Tom Harvey Tim Jensen, Linda Frasca, Supervisor Helming, Supervisor Vedora, and Nellie Puma

Consultants/Guests: Carla Jordan (**Casella Waste Management**); Bob Walls (**Casella Waste Management**), David Shaw (**Finger Lakes Times**), Chris Costello

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m., and declared that all committee members were present.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion was made by Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Supervisor Evangelista to approve the minutes of the 12/21/2013 meeting as presented.* Motion carried.

Organizational Items:

- Chairman Baker informed everyone present that the Environmental Quality Committee meetings would be held at the 3019 County Complex Human Resources facility, Room 205 starting with the 2/5/14 meeting.
- 2014 Committee Vice Chair – Chairman Baker reported that Supervisor Sheppard had, once again, graciously agreed to serve as Vice Chair of the EQC, and thanked Supervisor Sheppard for agreeing to do so.

Chairman Baker recognized Planning staff, County Administrator John Garvey, and Deputy County Administrator Darlys McDonough for their hard work the past few years, and stated the EQC is looking forward to continuing to work with them, and all the good, positive work that will be completed in the coming year.

Privilege of the Floor: None

Supervisor Venuti questioned if there was a newer version of the SWMP he could review. Mr. Harvey stated he will have all updated material sent to him.

Major Project Status: Tom Harvey reviewed the Project Status Report and Schedule memo. (A copy of which is attached to the official minutes of the meeting and on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors). He stated that at a meeting on January 14th the DEC had informed him that is would begin formally processing the Part 360 Expansion Permit as soon as DEC issues an ‘approvable’ letter on the draft Solid Waste Management Plan. This is an update to the memo, and will cut several months off the schedule for review of the Part 360 Expansion Permit by DEC.

Solid Waste Management Plan:

Update: County Administrator John Garvey briefly reviewed the steps/interaction that has taken place over the past several months, and reported that he will provide a proposal at the next scheduled EQC

meeting. Mr. Garvey stated that NYS is a net exporter of solid waste, and they are trying to reduce or eliminate waste export. The County needs to identify the waste streams within our County to better understand our targets for reduction. The implementation of the SWMP needs to begin with sampling to identify and quantify waste that is generated locally, where it goes and how it is shipped. Once the County has an idea of the kinds and amount of waste generated locally, our efforts will be directed at localized efforts to reduce the waste stream. Mr. Garvey suggested the County institute a revenue sharing plan that will engage the county, towns, cities, villages, etc. to provide waste reduction plans meeting the criteria/goals established by the EQC and the BOS, and the objectives of the SWMP. Our challenge is to establish measurable goals. The revenue sharing plan would provide some monies to municipalities to engage in waste stream reduction. The criteria would allow individual municipalities to come up with individual plans, which would provide some, but not all, funding needed to do so. Mr. Garvey will provide an update and a draft on what is being proposed at the next meeting. Mr. Harvey reported that Barton & Loguidice has provided draft information to the DEC on the draft SWMP and we expect to have proposed modifications presented at the next committee meeting.

360 Expansion Permit

Update: Ms. Jordan reported that Casella and B&L are working on responding to the Notice of Incomplete Application; getting additional information to DEC to complete the application. She reported that at current rate of use, there is about 1 year and 8 months of air space left at the landfill. As was reported earlier, the application will not move forward until DEC issues an approvable letter on the SWMP.

Landfill Operational Update:

Casella Waste Management: Ms. Jordan shared that Casella will be installing additional gas wells and will update the committee as construction commences.

Executive Session: Motion to enter in to executive session made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard to discuss information related to a current investigation of a criminal offense the disclosure of which would imperil effective law enforcement if disclosed. Motion carried. The 1/15/14 EQC meeting entered in to executive session at 4:40 p.m.

Motion to exit executive session made by Supervisor Evangelista, seconded by Supervisor Singer. Motion carried. The 1/15/14 EQC meeting exited executive session at 4:48 p.m.

Other: None

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, ***motion was made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard, to adjourn.*** The 1/15/14 EQC meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Frasca

Sr. Clerk