

***Ontario County***  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**May 21, 2014**

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

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**Attendees:**

Committee Members: All present.

Staff: Tom Harvey, Darlys McDonough, Andrea Schoeneman, and Nellie Puma.

Consultants/Guests: Jerry Leone and Bob Walls from Casella Waste Management, Dave Shaw (Finger Lakes Times), Julie Sherwood (Canandaigua Daily Messenger) Doug Knipple, Supervisor Vedora.

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**Privilege of the Floor:** Chairman Baker offered Privilege of Floor for those present. No one requested permission to speak.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the April 30<sup>th</sup> meeting were not available for review.

**360 Expansion Permit:**

Jerry Leone indicated that they had received all but one of the required noise easements. In answer to a question from the committee there was a brief discussion about what a noise easement is and why they are needed. Mr. Leone also informed the committee that they have forwarded response to the DEC for review that addresses comments that are part of the notice of incomplete application.

**Solid Waste Management Plan:** Tom Harvey distributed revised findings and a SEQR Negative Determination of Significance resolution with a corrected title. Chairman Baker recognized Doug Knipple who voiced concern and distributed written information to Committee members about the lack of a comprehensive recycling analysis and a study of the full avoided costs of the proposed recycling plan.

After noting a few corrections, Supervisor Sheppard made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Singer to forward the amended findings and resolution for a SEQR Negative Declaration of Significance with respect to adoption of the most recent draft of the Solid Waste Management Plan, to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

A request was made to have staff find out the status of Solid Waste Management Plans for counties contributing waste to the Ontario County Landfill.

Supervisor Evangelista made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Singer to forward the resolution to adopt the most recent draft of the Solid Waste management plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Baker left the meeting at 4:30. Supervisor Sheppard chaired the remainder of the meeting.

**Landfill Operational Update:**

Jerry Leone distributed and the committee discussed a four page report from Monitoring Control and Compliance (a landfill gas consultant), Inc. that detailed how gas wells previously identified by SCS as showing potential for sub-surface oxidation (SSO) have been analyzed and adjusted. At this point readings from these wells show temperature, carbon monoxide and other indicators at acceptable levels. Jerry also described ongoing work between Casella and Yates County to deal with waste from recent flood events. He also told the committee about a planned expansion to the recycling facility at the landfill. The intent is to integrate recycling of plastics beyond what is currently diverted from the municipal solid waste stream. This would include large items from industrial and other sectors as well as agricultural plastics.

During discussion, Supervisor Venuti asked if the Ontario County Landfill accepts hazardous waste if used as Beneficial Use Termination (BUD) material? Mr. Leone of Casella responded “no”.

Bob Walls indicated that additional gas wells currently being installed would be in by the end of the week. They are also widening an access road. The landfill is accepting an increased tonnage over previous months due to the improved weather. Casella has not received any odor complaints since the last meeting.

**Odor Consultant Report:** Tim Jensen reported on progress to implement the 16 recommendations in the SCS report. He indicated that Casella has agreed with and is addressing 12 of them. Implementation of the remaining 4 will require additional communication with Casella and others. A brief discussion followed about surface scanning, the continued use of SCS, the annual oversight monitoring report completed by C&S Companies, and in general the future role of the EQC in tracking landfill operations.

**At 5:00pm. Supervisor Evangelista made a motion that was seconded by made by Supervisor Venuti , to enter into executive session to confer with council on contractual matters. Motion carried unanimously.**

**At 5:15pm a Supervisor Angelo made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Venuti exit from Executive Session. Motion unanimously carried.**

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the committee, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Jensen, Associate Planner