

Ontario County
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 13, 2014

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

Attendees:

Committee Members: Supervisor Baker (arrived at 4:10 p.m.), Supervisor Angelo, Supervisor Baker, Supervisor Evangelista, Supervisor Sheppard, Supervisor Singer, Supervisor Venuti

Necessarily Absent:

Staff: Tom Harvey, Cathy Bentzoni, John Garvey, Darlys McDonough, Nellie Puma and Supervisor Vedora.

Consultants/Guests: Jerry Leone - Casella Waste Management, Dave Shaw (Finger Lakes Times), Julie Sherwood (Canandaigua Daily Messenger)

Vice Chair Sheppard called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and noted that Supervisor Baker is necessarily absent.

Progress Report – SWMP Implementation John Garvey presented a plan and distributed hardcopy regarding a concept plan for waste diversion. The proposed goal is to, over the next 14 years, make a permanent change in waste management practices countywide so that 90% the waste currently being landfilled is diverted for reuse or recycling. This effort would be coordinated by the Planning Department and would require partnering with the municipalities and using some of the funds to be paid to the County by Casella after approval of permits for the landfill expansion. There was discussion and general support from the committee members. No action as requested of the committee at this meeting. Committee Chair Supervisor Baker, who joined the meeting at about 4:10, suggested a Board resolution to state the County's commitment to focus on waste stream reduction instead of siting another landfill. No formal direction was given to staff.

Privilege of the Floor: Supervisor Sheppard offered Privilege of Floor for those present. Supervisor Vedora distributed information regarding the Howard County Maryland website and solid waste related activities.

Approval of Minutes: July 23, 2014

A Motion to accept and approve the July 23, 2014 minutes as presented was made by Supervisor Sheppard, seconded by Supervisor Evangelista.

During discussion Supervisor Venuti pointed out a few minor corrections that were noted by staff.

Supervisor Sheppard than made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Evangelista to accept the draft minutes with the changes noted by Supervisor Venuti. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Update on the Proposed EPA Rulemaking – Federal Wetland Regulation & Waters of the United States: Mr. Harvey went over the memo and technical comments circulated with the meeting packet. It was pointed out that the committee overseeing the final drafting of the memo was Planning and Research. After discussion:

Supervisor Sheppard made a motion that was seconded by Kris Singer to support the resolution and memo of technical comments as drafted.

The overall approach of sending a BOS resolution stating a position on the changes along with a separate memo with technical comments was discussed. The general consensus was that the issue would be more appropriate to raise the Board of Supervisors.

During discussion it was suggested that in paragraph 6 of the technical comments memo be amended to increase, from 5 to 20 years, the period of cessation after which pre-existing non-conforming agricultural activities will no longer be considered exempt.

Supervisor Sheppard made a motion that was seconded by Kris Singer to support the resolution and memo of technical comments as so amended.

The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 1 against.

360 Expansion Permit: Jerry Leone, Casella Waste Management discussed the Notice of Incomplete application issued by the NYSDEC on 8/1/14. The primary issues involve a clarification regarding the name on the application and ownership and access rights for the proposed borrow area. Mr. Leone indicated that remaining questions about the engineering for the proposed construction had been addressed in the current application and that they would be clarifying that with DEC. The ongoing review of the Title V Air Permit, which will require renewal of existing permit and the approval of a new permit for the expansion, was also discussed.

Supervisor Baker left the meeting at 4:55 pm and returned at 5:00pm during which Supervisor Sheppard acted as chair

Solid Waste Management Plan: Nellie Puma and Tom Harvey went over the solid waste management budget. During discussion it was pointed out that the new Planning Department position is proposed to be delayed until 2016 or until the County receives revenue from the expansion permit.

Supervisor Sheppard made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Angelo to accept the proposed budget as presented.

The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 1 against.

To establish a no cost contract time extension to allow payment of final bills to Barton and Loguidice for their work on the Solid Waste Management Plan, Supervisor Evangelista made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Sheppard to approve the resolution as presented by staff.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote

Landfill Operational Update: Mr. Leone discussed ongoing landfill operations and noted that Bob Walls will no longer be working for Casella and will likely be replaced by Kevin Shaw. The committee asked that Mr. Leone pass along their thanks and best wishes to Mr. Walls for his good work. He also discussed:

- the filling progression,
- acquisition of new heavy equipment,
- drainage improvements,
- installation of a new litter fence,
- relocation of the leachate lagoon and various utilities being done partly in anticipation of the expansion

He also noted that the numbers for recycling at their highest level ever.

Post Closure Costs Tim Jensen gave a brief overview of closure and post closure requirements that included the sureties currently on file, the process for keeping them current, and the process for ending post-closure activities. Supervisor Venuti restated his concern regarding how the landfill and the County may be affected if Casella cannot maintain the bonds currently on file with the NYSDEC. Staff agreed to follow up with Kris Thorsness.

Landfill Odor: Mr. Leone reported that they will be adding a new flare that should be functioning sometime in October. Supervisor Vedora indicated that he recently had received three complaints from residents but that they were not reported. The committee and Mr. Leone encouraged that in the future all such complaints be reported to Casella so that they can find and address the cause.

It was decided that the draft resolution and short term contract to retain SCS for on-going testing that had been distributed at the July 23rd meeting should be amended so that Ontario County would fund all of the \$5,600.

Supervisor Evangelista made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Sheppard to approve the resolution as amended.

The motion passed by a unanimous vote

There was no executive session

Adjournment: There being no further business before the committee, at 5:25 pm a **Supervisor Sheppard made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Evangelista to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion carried.