

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2012

Committee Members

David Baker
Ralph Angelo
Dodie Huber
Charles Evangelista
John Sheppard
Kristine Singer

Attendees

All committee members, John Garvey, Kris Hughes, Lisa Phillips

Approval of Minutes: *Minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting were approved by motion of Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Angelo, and carried.*

Solid Waste Activities Update

Solid Waste Plan: Mr. Hughes reported that they are waiting for DEC to submit comments on the plan. Mr. Garvey added that he has had discussions with DEC, and he has been told that DEC has been unable to get their comments completed. They have indicated that they will press for top level consideration for the permit request, and FEIS. Mr. Garvey added that one of the issues that will need to be resolved is the cell covering and soil issue. Public Works Committee has given direction to discuss the issue with Town of Seneca Supervisor, John Sheppard with regard to the soil borrow area and to bring a recommendation back to Public Works Committee. A meeting has been set up with Casella Management, Mr. Sheppard, and Mr. Garvey.

Mr. Garvey went on to say that he received an email from Ms. Kimberly Merchant, who is in the NYS DEC Division of Environmental Permits, requesting a 30-day time extension from Ontario County on issuing a decision on the noise variance. Mr. Garvey spoke with the chairman, and will speak with Casella Management, to make sure this extension would not impede operations. His recommendation would be to grant NYS DEC the requested time extension, unless it impacts operations adversely. Supervisor Evangelista asked if the county could reserve the right to withdrawal its extension in the event it begins to compromise landfill operations, or Casella Waste Management begins to receive any notice of violations because of this pending event. Committee agreed that this stipulation be brought up in Mr. Garvey's reply to Ms. Merchant.

360 Expansion Permit/DEIS: Mr. Hughes indicated that this process cannot move forward until after the Solid Waste Plan is approved.

Landfill Update

Chairman Baker indicated that he has not received any complaints since last meeting, and indicated that Casella has been working hard on the back end of the landfill. Supervisor Sheppard did note that he received a complaint of odors from one of the councilmen in the Town of Seneca. It was mentioned that those odors may have been caused by the opening of an old cell.

External Counsel Status – Hydrofracking Issue for Municipalities

Municipalities will be receiving a letter from Assistant County Attorney, Andrea Schoeneman, with regard to the county's recommendation of Boylan, Code to draft a model hydrofracking ordinance. Any participating municipality would share in that cost; however, the cost to each municipality cannot be determined until it is known how many municipalities are participating.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Supervisor Huber, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Phillips, Deputy Clerk
Board of Supervisors