

*Ontario County*  
 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES  
 May 1, 2013

<p><u>Committee Members:</u>          David Baker, Chair          Ralph Angelo – N/A          Dodie Huber – N/A          Charlie Evangelista          John Sheppard          Kris Singer</p> <p>N/A = Necessarily Absent</p>	<p><u>Attendees:</u>          John Garvey, County Administrator          Darlys McDonough, Deputy County Administrator          Andrea Schoeneman, Assistant County Attorney          Tom Harvey, Director of Planning          Linda Frasca, Sr. Clerk          Supervisor Vedora (City of Geneva)          Supervisor Marren (Town of Victor)</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Carla Jordan, Abbie Webb, Karen Flanders, and Larry Schilling (Casella Waste Management);</p> <p><u>Observers:</u> Dave Shaw (FLT); Katherine Bennett-Roll; Richard Eaton</p>
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Call to Order: Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and declared all committee members present with the exception of Supervisors Angelo and Huber who were necessarily absent.

Approval of Minutes: ***Motion was made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion carried.***

Solid Waste Management Plan: Ms. McDonough reported that Barton and Loguidice will attend the May 22<sup>nd</sup> EQC meeting, and stated she is of working with them on a draft of the County’s response to the DEC comments. A copy of the draft will be sent to the committee for review prior to the meeting.

Chair Baker noted that he attended a meeting to discuss the DEC comments on the Solid Waste Management Plan with John Garvey, Darlys McDonough, Barton and Loguidice staff and staff from DEC Solid Waste Division – Materials Management group. Chair Baker stated that the comments were very positive and helpful from the DEC. Supervisor Sheppard asked if it was Fulton County that had an approved SWMP. Ms. McDonough confirmed that it was Fulton County and it had been approved back in 2010.

Part 360 Expansion Permit: The Resolution laid over at the prior Board of Supervisors meeting will be brought back before the Board at the next regular meeting.

Landfill Operational Update: Carla Jordan introduced Karen Flanders, VP of Sustainability and Regulatory Affairs with Casella Waste Management, and Abbie Webb, Environmental Analyst for Casella to clarify information regarding air emissions, how Casella reports and models findings, and inform the committee about Casella’s programs for sustainability and regulatory affairs. Ms. Webb reviewed the steps of the

how, the what, and the when of environmental analyses and green gas house reports, and answered the committee members' questions.

Supervisor Evangelista stated he'd like in-depth air emissions testing and analysis completed at the landfill to know if there are health risks to the area residents. He asked if there was any type of equipment already on site at the landfill to measure air emissions. Ms. Jordan reported that Barton and Loguidice worked with Ontario County, and the Department of Health to obtain relevant health information. Ms. Jordan reported that, according to the County Health Department's Community Health Assessment, Town of Seneca residents have the lowest rate of cancer in the County. Chair Baker thanked Ms. Webb and Ms. Flanders for their time and input.

Ms. Jordan reported that a Casella owned semi tractor-trailer truck transporting garbage from Ithaca to the landfill was in an accident earlier in the day, before it reached Ontario County. There were no injuries reported. Casella employees were at the accident site immediately and have the area cleaned up.

### OTHER

Request from Town of Geneva Re: Use of Hydrofraking Wastewater: Chair Baker reviewed the letter he received from Supervisor Luckern (Town of Geneva) requesting that Ontario County not use hydrofraking wastewater for any road maintenance within the county. Ms. McDonough reported that Bill Wright, Commissioner of Public Works, told her that to date none of his counterparts have used this material and that he is researching the matter further and will get back to her.

Town of Lima Local Law 2 of 2013 regarding a moratorium related to hydrofraking was submitted to committee for informational purposes. Chair Baker requested Supervisor Singer provide an update on the inter-municipal group working on regulations related to hydrofraking. Ms. Singer reported that a total of six municipalities are involved, and she was very pleased with the efforts made by the participants. The group is reviewing regulations applicable to any commercial high value natural resource extraction. Each town is to provide a list of extraction issues of concern, i.e. soil, water, gas, etc. She noted that Tim Jensen, Town of Canandaigua Director of Planning and Development has been instrumental in the group's work.

Landfill Summit: County Administrator John Garvey reported that he and Ms. McDonough and several members of the Board of Supervisors attended the landfill summit held in April, and shared that it was very informative and well attended.

Chair Baker opened the floor to questions and comments from area residents in attendance. Katie Bennett-Role questioned Casella on greenhouse gas emissions. Richard Eaton commented on trash blowing all over during past week (Thursday 4-25) when it was extremely windy. Casella had responded to the mess immediately and cleaned it up within 48 hours. Mr. Eaton also shared his concern with garbage trucks speeding through the area with their tires throwing stones. He stated that a stone hit his windshield and broke it. He is concerned that the trucks are not meeting requirements such as tire checks. Casella has offered to cover the cost of repair of windshields damaged by traffic related to the landfill. Supervisor Sheppard responded to Mr. Eaton's concern stating that it isn't just Casella's trucks that cause this type of incident.

Supervisor Vedora stated he wants the Committee to be more concerned with what is happening with the County's environment. Supervisor Sheppard requested that Supervisor Vedora read Casella's website, and look at their mission statement. He referred to what was learned at the summit briefing from the County Administrator's presentation of the historic timeline of trash within our own county.

Supervisor Evangelista stated that when the resolution to accept the Final Environmental Impact Statement is brought back up at the Board meeting, he will vote no.

Ms. Jordan reported on an incident that took place at the landfill where a garbage truck rolled up and a sheriff deputy showed up right behind it. A 911 call had been received regarding a truck with a cover which was not secured properly resulting in trash blowing out. The deputy was given the company contact information and truck number to follow up on the matter.

Adjournment – Being no further business for discussion, ***Motion made by Supervisor Evangelista, seconded by Supervisor Sheppard, to adjourn the 5/1/13 EQC meeting. Motion carried.***

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda R. Frasca*

Senior Clerk