

**SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
**MCCARTY, LAPIN, FARWELL, KENNEDY, BROCKWAY**  
**NOVEMBER 10, 2020**  
**8:30 a.m.**

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative McCarty- present, via Zoom  
Representative Lapin- present, via Zoom  
Representative Farwell- present, via Zoom  
Representative Kennedy- present, via Zoom  
Representative Brockway- present, via Zoom

Others present: Tania from Casella, Jordan Clements from Soil and Water

**SOLID WASTE - ERIK SCRIVENER and SHANE DIGAN via Zoom**

Erik Scrivener requested approval to accept the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to contract with Evolution Recycling Inc. for computer and electronics recycling. Representative Brockway moved for approval as long as they maintain the same rates they have for 2020. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval for to create, fund and fill a part-time Transfer Station Attendant and dissolve (2) two temporary Transfer Station Attendants. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested the following budget transfer:

- Transfer \$70 from A8160-548000 Other to A8160-546500 Subscriptions/Dues

Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Shane Digan gave the following recycling and MSW reports for October:

- Net rebate for trash (MSW) \$14,407.23

- Trash down 548.28 tons from same period last year
- Recycling total cost \$139.63/ton
- 296 mattresses
- \$2,004 revenue from electronics (leading to a \$4,640.37 net cost)
- \$196.95 spent on cardboard (\$62.92/ton)
- \$175 spent on glass (\$52.08/ton)

## **SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (SWCD) – JORDAN CLEMENTS via Zoom**

Jordan Clements gave the updates but not limited to the following:

- Forestry trying to wrap up four projects by the end of the year
- Waiting on official word on some grants that were submitted
- Large ash sale
- Boundary line in question
- Office is still closed to the public
- The SWCD Board would like to begin meeting in person but needs a classroom to accommodate them; advised to contact Art in Emergency Services
- Proposed contracting; December SWEC meeting
- Thanked attendees and staff of the virtual farm tour
- Butternut final draft report

## **SOLID WASTE CON'T - ERIK SCRIVENER via Zoom**

Erik Scrivener mentioned the recycling law draft was sent to committee members and County Attorney's Office. The plan is to move forward with this after the hauler meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Erik Scrivener and Shane Digan want to discuss this draft with Ellen Cocco and consider input from the hauler meeting before any revisions are made. Discussion and questions were asked by committee members including by not limited to minor typos, specifying Casella as a private contractor, liability insurance and small haulers.

Erik Scrivener gave a brief update on SGS/Buffalo Fuel stating that SGS is taking loads to Buffalo and is working on an agreement with hopes that the cost will be restructured to save money with recyclables going to SGS and Buffalo Fuel. Tania from Casella mentioned she has not heard anything from Dennis working with them on the long-term contract and the hauling.

Shane Digan mentioned and presented a draft of the Waste-Smart Business Certification. The certification has three levels of free membership. Costs associated with the process would be the reviewing of the certificate, printing of the window sticker and entering on the website. The certification consists of recycling education and Mr. Digan plans to review this document at

the next OCCA Recycling Committee Meeting. Representatives mentioned this is a good way to increase visibility of these programs.

Shane Digan mentioned and presented a material estimate for a bottle return bin and polystyrene bin at the Southern Transfer Station in Oneonta. The Cub Scouts agreed to service the donated-bottle return bin but did not have the money to build it. Bill Hardy from the Reuse Center offered to pick up the styrofoam on a regular basis. The proposed material estimate to build the two bins is \$1,052. The Cub Scouts and Bill Hardy offered to build the two bins. OCCA is open to the possibility of cost sharing this project. After further discussion, it was recommended to wait for lumber prices to decrease and to get an estimate from Alpine Roofing for the metal roofing.

Shane Digan mentioned there will be hauler meeting via Zoom on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.; see the Solid Waste website page for details. Discussion will include rate changes, potential of a new recycling law and hauler licensing and interested in feedback.

## **OTHER**

Representative McCarty mentioned a problem regarding the Cherry Valley site to Board Chair Bliss and is waiting to hear back. Erik Scrivener has been trying to contact the Cherry Valley Town Supervisor but has been unsuccessful and may contact the Town Clerk. After further discussion with the committee, suggestions were made about possibilities of establishing hours, locking bins in the off time, notification about taking away service, locking gates, security cameras and warning signs about notifying local authority and fines to help solve this problem.

Representative Lapin asked before considering updating the recycling law, would there be a SEQR analysis on it. Representative Lapin stated he would like to be included in the hauler meeting.

Tania from Casella thanked us for investigating the Cherry Valley site.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned.