

SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MCCARTY, LAPIN, FARWELL, KENNEDY, BROCKWAY
March 23, 2021
9:00 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, in Board Chambers
Representative Kennedy – present, via Zoom
Representative Brockway - present, via Zoom

Also present via Zoom: Allen Ruffles, Treasurer and Lonnie O'Bryan from Casella's

PLANNING - ERIK SCRIVENER via Zoom

Representative Kennedy left the meeting.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to accept the minutes of the February 16th, 2021 meeting as written. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 1,780; Absent- 627 Kennedy. Motion carried.

Representative Kennedy joined the meeting via Zoom.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to classify additions to Ag. District 1 as Type II action under SEQR. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

TREASURER - ALLEN RUFFLES with ERIK SCRIVENER via Zoom

Allen Ruffles gave an update on the MOSA post closure stating he has dispersed the rest of the money to the three counties and the account is closed, however, there is an outstanding debt that Schoharie County would like collected. Erik Scrivener mentioned that Schoharie County has written a letter to Montgomery County; they are withholding their amount for the amount that's owed from a hauler and also for the receivership on a payment next month. Otsego County's payments to Montgomery County average \$11,000-\$12,000 for post closure, our percentage on what is owed and receivership should be about \$6,800. Mr. Ruffles and Mr. Scrivener are proposing to withhold \$6,800 in the next payment to Montgomery County.

Erik Scrivener requested committee approval to move forward with withholding the payment to Montgomery County, after discussing it with the county attorney agrees we are able to do so. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. After further discussion, the request is to add to send a letter of intent with a response date by May 1st. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

PLANNING CON'T - ERIK SCRIVENER and SHANE DIGAN via Zoom

Erik Scrivener requested approval for Agricultural District 1 open enrollment additions. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to adopt the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. After further discussion, the plan needs SEQRA approval and to have a meeting before the April Board Meeting.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to repeal and replace the Source Separation Law of 1988/89 with the current law and the associated Hauler License application, Multifamily Recycling Plan and Commercial/Institutional Recycling Plan. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Shane Digan requested approval to spend from the "Other" budget line (548000) for the purchase of the Waste-Smart Certification recognition window stickers in the amount of \$225.00. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Shane Digan requested approval to spend from the "Other" budget line (548000) for the 2021 NYS Organics Summit registration at a cost of \$75.00. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Shane Digan gave the following recycling and MSW reports for February 2021:

- MSW (trash) - 2,010 tons/down 196 tons from same month last year
- Single Stream Recycling – 260 tons/down about 19 tons from same month last year/\$127.77 per ton
- 120 mattresses
- Metal – none moved

- Electronics – Collected \$576 in revenue; 48 tvs/monitors at \$12/unit, spent out about \$4,500
- Cardboard – 1.89 tons/saved about \$52/ton
- Glass – 4.86 tons/cost \$51/ton
- Food waste – n/a for February

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

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

- District is busy – field work and other projects
- Tree program – orders due in by April 1st, pick up Friday, April 23rd, 7am-5pm and Saturday, April 24th, 8am-12pm
- April 19th – to be back to normal operations with full-time staff and operations
- Enviro-thon program will all be online this year; 5 teams representing 4 schools
- Spring classes holding off until late summer/early fall
- Received two grants from the climate resiliency grant program (to lessen the carbon footprint making things more environmental friendly); both vegetable farms for a micro-irrigation system and composting
- Calls on stream issues; need to be marked and prepared for grant opportunities
- Working with OCCA on the Butternut Watershed study; identifies issues throughout the watershed, then apply for grant funds

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Erik Scrivener stated that the composter and rain barrel site is live. There has been a great response in sales, both in and out of county; having tracked the social media campaign vs radio and print advertising. Shane Digan gave the details. Also, can order until May 4th and pick up May 7th.

Erik Scrivener gave a SWECC Strategic Plan update stating that the biggest addition is the revision of the Solid Waste Department and the discussion of the Solid Waste Management Plan with goals being identified. After further discussion, climate change will be added into the plan.

Erik Scrivener stated they received the 2021 MWRC Award in the amount of \$29,691.95; offsetting the recycling coordinator's salary and funding for advertising.

OTHER

Erik Scrivener stated that Amy Wyant would like to discuss Clean Energy Opportunities funding at the April SWECC meeting.

Erik Scrivener had a discussion with Garth Brown, Director of Building Services, related to the Solid Waste User Fee bills for the Meadows, the Annex Building and the County Office Building. Mr. Brown asked if those fees could be removed. Mr. Scrivener discussed this with Treasurer Ruffles and Hank Schecher, Director of Real Property. Mr. Scrivener mentioned this to the committee asking what the committee felt about this and whether to continue with the fees or write a letter to the Treasurer removing these fees. After further discussion, it was mentioned that Mr. Scrivener will look at other county owned properties (Highway, Sheriff and DSS), pull the tax bills and will update the committee at the next meeting.

CASELLA'S – LONNIE O'BRYAN via Zoom

Lonnie O'Bryan has had a problem with the Northern scale and will talk to Erik Scrivener about it. They are adding a new recycle bin at Southern to collect polystyrene. Things are going well at Cherry Valley.

It was mentioned that Elot would have to be on site to collect household hazardous waste for municipalities. Erik Scrivener mentioned Hazardous Waste Days are expected to take place in September.

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