

SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MCCARTY, LAPIN, FARWELL, KENNEDY, BROCKWAY
April 20, 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, via Zoom
Representative Kennedy – present, via Zoom – joined during the meeting
Representative Brockway - present, via Zoom

Also present via Zoom: Lonnie O'Bryan from Casella's

PLANNING – ERIK SCRIVENER via Zoom

Erik Scrivener requested approval to accept the minutes of the March 23rd, 2021 meeting as written. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 1,780; Absent- 627 Kennedy. Motion carried.

CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITIES – AMY WYANT and AMANDA KAIER via Zoom

Amy Wyant and Amanda Kaier gave a power point presentation on Clean Energy Communities (CEC) second round including but not limited to the benefits of being a CEC, CEC coordinators being there for help and support in every step, Introduction of the Leadership Round (how it works, the new point system, point based and action grants, more points = bigger grants), High Impact Actions are created to produce energy consumption, save money and earn point recognition, the available grants in the Leadership Round, Community Campaigns, NY Stretch Energy Code and Designation grants. Representatives asked questions about the Trane upgrade project, current benchmarking, the NY Stretch Energy Code process and other small communities signing up.

Representative Kennedy joined the meeting via Zoom during the above presentation.

PLANNING CON'T – ERIK SCRIVENER, SHANE DIGAN and TAMMIE HARRIS via Zoom

Erik Scrivener requested approval to declare the SWEC Committee as the lead agency for the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan and Agriculture

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

Erik Scrivener requested approval from the lead agency to classify the adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan as an Unlisted Action and for the lead agency to issue a negative declaration on the proposal under the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) as it is a mitigation plan intended to protect Otsego County from natural disasters. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to reclassify the Type II declaration to an Unlisted Action for the agricultural district open enrollment additions, this is a coordinated review with Ag and Markets. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to issue a negative declaration on the Ag enrollment. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to adopt the Otsego County Hazard Mitigation Plan approved by FEMA. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval for Agricultural District 1 open enrollment additions from the Town of Milford and the Town of Butternuts. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to declare May 2nd – 8th, 2021 as International Compost Awareness Week. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Tammie Harris requested approval to amend and restate the agreement with Environmental Facilities Corporation for the State Septic System Replacement Program. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval for the following DEC MWRR budget modification:

\$3,000 to A8160.548100 (Advertising)
\$500 to A8160.548000 (Other)
\$3,500 to A8160.439100 (DEC/HHW)

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

Erik Scrivener requested approval for the following budget modification for DEC Septic Grant Program:

\$209,432.50 to A8160.549000 (Contracts)
Increase Revenue Line 0000.3910 (DEC/HHW)

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

Erik Scrivener requested approval to accept the additional \$26,191.95 from the DEC MWRR Grant. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Tammie Harris requested approval for DEC Septic Replacement Fund Project to Kountry Living Bed and Breakfast up to 50% or \$10,000 (whichever is lower) for septic replacement costs. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

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

- MSW (trash) – 3,080 tons/up 278 tons from same month last year
- Single Stream Recycling – 337 tons/up about 34 tons from same month last year/\$132.19 per ton
- 372 mattresses
- Electronics – Collected \$1,296 in revenue; spent out about \$3,000
- Cardboard – 1.44 tons
- Food waste – 0.16 tons for March and 0.2 on April 1st/\$375 per ton

OTHER

Erik Scrivener mentioned that regarding the MOSA hauler debt, a letter was sent to Montgomery County, no response yet from either county and still waiting for the agreement from the hauler, with a set deadline for May 1st. Mr. Scrivener stated the final drafts for the SWEC/Planning section of the Strategic Plan will be submitted next month. Erik Scrivener mentioned Hazardous Waste Days for 2021 will be August 20th and 21st.

Representative Lapin asked if the completed Hazard Mitigation Plan will be entered as an action under the Climate Smart Communities Program, as it's eligible for 4 points.

Shane Digan mentioned the Earth Fest is Saturday, April 24th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Meadows and you must pre-register on the OCCA website; there will also be events on the 22nd and the 23rd.

There being no further business to discuss, Representative Kennedy motioned to adjourn. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.