

**SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
**McCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL**  
**January 15, 2019**

Absent: Representative Koutnik

Also: Representative Lapin appeared by telephone.

Representative McCarty welcomed back the committee members, stated a few reminders and asked that those wishing to discuss something be added to the agenda prior to the meeting.

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN**

Karen Sullivan stated that she has received the Styrofoam grant from the Foam Recycling Coalition and requested the following budget modification:

Increase	8160-4900	\$50,000
Increase	0000-2770	\$50,000

Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,505; Absent: 696- Koutnik and Lapin. Motion carried.

**SOIL & WATER DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS**

Jordan Clements, District Manager gave program updates of Soil and Water including, but not limited to the following:

- Personnel update—will need to fill a Technician and a Buffer Coordinator position
- Chart of mandates from the Chesapeake Bay Program, feasibility of meeting goals
- Working on grants-invasive species and grazing projects
- Ag Non-Point Source grants open up in March
- Work on reporting to the Chesapeake Bay Model
- Soil & Water Board meeting scheduled for Thursday

Representative McCarty inquired about the program for dirt and secondary roads.

Karen Sullivan stated that she is working to compile projects for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked that Jordan Clements submit any ideas before January 29<sup>th</sup>.

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN**

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018—2900.26 tons of solid waste collected in December, amount owed to Casella in the last quarter \$5,025.81

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—353.71 tons collected in December, a charge from Casella in the amount of \$22,991.15 and \$14,446.85 revenue from recycling charge to commercial haulers, Total including labor for the year \$448,399.04, average cost per ton for the year \$95.06

-Mattress Recycling Costs—total of 1982 mattresses collected at the scale house in 2018

-2018 E-Waste Totals—total invoiced amount \$42,126.26, which includes 166,946 lbs of CRTs, 25,176 lbs of Flats and 20,113 lbs of CCEs. The committee gave consideration to charging a fee for certain electronics and after discussion decided to monitor funding from the DEC and reconsider in the future.

Representative McCarty stated that he received calls from constituents regarding the increased bag rate and suggested better notification and signage from Casella.

The committee discussed a letter from a resident of Richfield Springs concerning the Richfield Springs transfer station; steps are being taken to resolve the issue.

Ellen Coccoma, County Attorney entered the meeting.

Representative Kennedy moved to enter into an executive session to include Karen Sullivan, Tammie Harris and Ellen Coccoma to discuss contracts. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,505; Absent: 696- Koutnik and Lapin. Motion carried.

Representative Kennedy moved to come out of executive session. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,505; Absent: 696- Koutnik and Lapin. Motion carried.

The committee and those present including Dan Sullivan discussed the Climate Smart Communities Pledge. Karen Sullivan reviewed the answers to questions presented to the DEC. Representative Farwell suggested proposed changes to the language in the pledge. The committee agreed to have the DEC review the proposed changes and then distribute to the Board members for review to be reconsidered at the February Board meeting.

Karen Sullivan gave the following updates:

- DEC Recycling Grant Award—put in for 2 grants, equipment and Recycling Coordinator, received funding for Recycling Coordinator
- Ag District Open Enrollment is underway until end of January
- User Fee letters sent to properties with greater than 100 units

- Discussion of dual stream, separating plastics from paper
- Credit card machines are up and running at the Northern and Southern transfer stations
- Received a request to assist with an individual clean up project, the inquirer will be redirected to other resources and agencies

Leslie Orzetti of the OCCA discussed the Film Plastic Recycling Challenge taking place at a number of schools.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.