

**SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
**McCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL**  
**January 16, 2018**

Representative McCarty welcomed the new board members, stated a few reminders and explained the procedure to be added to the agenda. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS**

Karen Sullivan gave an overview of the meeting format.

Tammie Harris reviewed the responses from the Electronic Recycling RFP. Karen Sullivan suggested that it would be beneficial to have the contractor both stack and wrap the material. Lonnie O'Bryan of Casella Waste expressed concern over Evolution's two week shut down near the end of the year and discussed how to work around it going forward. Representative Kennedy moved for approval to accept the proposal from Evolution in the amount of \$33,750. Seconded, Lapin and Farwell. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS**

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

- Two new employees have been hired –Forest Technician and Planning Technician
- Grants
  - o Ag Non-Point Source –looking to submit 6 applications
  - o Climate Resiliency Grant due Feb 26<sup>th</sup>
  - o Upper Susquehanna Coalition RCPP-one applicant in round one for manure storage system, should find out if funding by end of February
  - o Healthy Watersheds Grant –working with OCCA and US Forestry not for profit on the model forest policy program
- Ag & Farmland Protection Committee has met 3 times, completed job description for Ag Farmland Implementation specialist
- Hired a CPA, will meet with again this week
- Dates have been set for Ag Plastic collection, Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>, Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, Board members encouraged to attend in order to observe the operations
- Cover, Crop and Soil Health will be held Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> (changed from February) 10-2:30 at SUNY Oneonta, no charge to participants, flyers and radio advertisements will be issued shortly

- Currently accepting orders online and at the office for both Tree and Shrub Program and the Fish Program
- Leatherstocking Envirothon scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8-2 at Gilbert Lake State Park

Jordan Clements stated that each Board member should have a copy of the Ag Farmland Protection Plan and Karen Sullivan said she would copy the plan onto CDs to distribute to the Board members.

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS**

Karen Sullivan requested approval to establish the Ag Farmland Implementation Committee. Representative Lapin moved for approval to establish the Ag Farmland Implementation Committee to serve as an advisory board to facilitate implementation of the recently adopted Ag Farmland Protection Plan to include representatives from the following:

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| Otsego Land Trust               | OCCA                                   |
| Otsego 2000                     | CADE                                   |
| Cornell Cooperative Farm Bureau | Otsego County Planning                 |
| Otsego County Soil & Water      | Ag Farmland Protection Board           |
|                                 | Otsego County representative as liason |

Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-The Solid Waste Fiscal Cost Sheet for 2017 noting that in December \$6,954.94 was owed to Casella.

-Solid Waste Totals 2014-2017, noting 38,235.45 tons of solid waste was collected in 2017

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—346.34 tons were collected in December at a cost of \$61.47 per ton

-Mattress Recycling Cost—1900 mattresses collected at the scale house

During the presentation of the reports, Representative McCarty inquired about the ARC Restore program.

Karen Sullivan gave an update regarding the DEC septic replacement program stating that the County’s letter of intent has been signed.

Karen Sullivan stated that she is still waiting to hear from the State's auditor’s office regarding questions on the tax cap issue and PACE financing. The committee discussed speaking with Treasurers from other counties that have adopted PACE.

Karen Sullivan stated that she emailed the committee the response from the DOT regarding the elevated commercial vehicle traffic volumes on NYS

Routes 28 and 205, specifically, trucks carrying compressed natural gas (CNG). Karen Sullivan asked the committee what steps should be taken next. After discussion, Karen Sullivan stated she will speak with the County Attorney and draft a letter stating if there are any future project proposals, plans to expand routes, changes or growth that would impact the county's highway system that Otsego County would like to be notified and considered an interested agency under SEQRA. The committee discussed how to word the request and to whom it should be addressed.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to continue to use the Planning/Solid Waste Department's Facebook page in accordance with the recently issued Social Media policy. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan and Tammie Harris gave an update regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan, a "How do I get rid of. . .?" series, and composting at SUNY Oneonta.

Representative Koutnik discussed Cornell Cooperative Extension reporting to the Solid Waste & Environmental Concerns Committee instead of the Health and Education Committee and the process to bring that about.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the Meadows Building.