

SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MCCARTY, LAPIN, FARWELL, KENNEDY, BROCKWAY
OCTOBER 13, 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 and Rick 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 September 15th meeting. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 1,780; Abstain: 627-Kennedy as she was not at the meeting. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to set the Solid Waste User fee for 2021 at \$25/unit, noting an increase of \$5 per unit. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval of the Solid Waste transfer station rate schedule for 2021 as presented, noting a proposed increase for MSW and construction and debris from \$87/ton to \$90/ton, as well as, an increase to Out of County waste from \$90/ton to \$93.50/ton. Representative Brockway moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to accept the Local Solid Waste Management Plan biennial update 2020 document as presented which is required by NYSDEC. Shane Digan stated that the only big changes are that the timelines were moved forward for things that are not started yet, noted accomplishments, developing the recycling law was added and begin researching an In-County landfill was added. Representative Farwell moved for approval of the updated plan. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Erik Scrivener requested approval to submit the Municipal Waste reduction and recycling program grant application, noting the following but was not limited to:

-grant can cover up to 50% of the recycling coordinators salary

-Eligible activities that could be included are advertising and promotional items

-Grant is 50% local share

-application is due by the end of the month

-does the committee have any other eligible activities that they want included in the application besides personnel service time and advertising

Representative Farwell mentioned the timeline for updating the local recycling law, asking if there will be related marketing or advertising costs associated with the goal of increasing recycling in the county that could be included.

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

Erik Scrivener requested approval to attend the NYSAR virtual conference in November at a total cost of \$250. (\$100-cost for Shane, \$150-cost for Erik) Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

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

-Net rebate for trash \$14,882

-trash down 167 tons from the same period last year

-303 tons of recyclables-down 42.5 tons from the same period last year

-343 mattresses collected

-\$1,884 revenue from electronics

-\$215 spent on cardboard

-\$175 spent on glass (approx. \$45.81/ton)

Rick from Casella asked for assistance at the Cherry Valley site, noting that recyclable containers are contaminated, trash is laying on the ground, this is not a controlled site, Cherry Valley's recyclables contaminates Springfield's and Richfield's being in the same truck and Casella's picks up in Cherry Valley on Monday's. Rick added that there are different ways that the site can be controlled.

Representative Lapin suggested that the County consider fining the municipality for not continuing to follow the recycling law. Erik Scrivener stated that he would contact the Town about the issue.

SOIL AND WATER-JORDAN CLEMENTS via zoom

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

-Virtual farm tour is tomorrow starting at 10 a.m.

-Working on starting year end reporting

-forestry is trying to get the last few projects done before year end

-busy with getting stuff prepped for grants that become available next year

-no official word on some grants that were applied for this year

-trying to help the agriculture community who are struggling with EPA mandates

-2025 deadline set by EPA-as a whole will not make meet our goals but will do whatever they can to close as possible-biggest challenge is adequate funding for projects and programs

-working on ash log sales

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Erik Scrivener stated that the current recycling law has a \$50 fine for contamination. Mr. Scrivener asked the committee for direction whether to fine the Town or address it with a letter. The committee agreed that a letter should be sent to the municipality before issuing a fine. The committee suggested that Representative Bliss, whom represents the Town of Cherry Valley, attend a CV town board meeting to address and discuss this issue.

Erik Scrivener followed up discussion about updating the existing recycling law related to enforcement and penalties, noting the fine schedule dates back to 1989. Mr. Scrivener feels that the fines are not substantial enough for a corrective action to occur. Shane Digan asked how to proceed with enforcement, proposing that an appeals process be written and that the appeals board is the SWEC committee. Mr. Digan stated that another part would be hauler registration to obtain a permit. Mr. Digan inquired as to a registration process for haulers to obtain a registration sticker-whether this would be free or to charge a minimal fee, what is the process and what are the fines to haulers who mix recyclables with trash, what is the appeals process and who serves as that body. As related to fines, Representative Lapin suggested an established process in which you reach out to an offender with a letter at least once (cc'ing various officials) and then after that stagger fines, recommending a not to bad fine at first, then go to progressively worse, then if a repeat offender the fine would be higher, adding that the fine needs to be a deterrent and not seen as a cost of business. Representative Lapin stated that the best deterrent is education and the Solid Waste department is actively working on education. Mr. Digan stated that depending on the County Attorney's review, the timeline would be to bring it to November's meeting or the month after, hoping to start enforcement in early 2021. Representative Farwell asked if there are other state or federal permits that haulers need to transport garbage. Erik Scrivener stated that there permits needed for transporting hazardous waste. Tania from Casella stated that haulers are required to file a 364 hauler waste permit with the state.

Erik Scrivener gave a brief update on SGS/Buffalo fuel adding that they are taking 10 consecutive loads for testing to their site on Friday. Rick from

Casella stated that 2 loads of mattresses were sent to Buffalo as a test and 1 open top load of mattresses was sent to Tonawanda/Triad today to experiment as there is less handling with the open top load.

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