

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

SOIL & WATER DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS

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

- Preparing end of the year reports for the State
- Employee evaluations conducted at Soil & Water Board meeting yesterday
- Received funding to conduct studies for three watersheds Butternut, Cherry Valley Creek and Otego Creek
- Encouraging towns to attend the Hazard mitigation meetings
- 3/6/19 Erosion Sediment Control class to be held at the Quality Inn in Oneonta
- 4/16/19 Soil Health Cover Crop class
- preparing for a new grant season to begin in January

Representative McCarty and Representative Farwell entered the meeting during the above discussion.

Representative McCarty stated that a Highway Superintendents meeting will be held next month, exact date to be determined.

Jordan Clements gave an update on progress being made to retrieve the funds owed to the County from Hurricane Irene, stating the DEC has inspected 3 out of 4 projects and the next step is for the DEC to send a letter to the Treasurer.

Representative Lapin inquired about formally adopting the Forestry Management Plans. The committee decided that this should be discussed further in Public Works.

PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN

Karen Sullivan and those present discussed setting the Tip and User fee. Representative Farwell moved for approval to set the Tip fee at \$80 and the pricing schedule for the Oneonta and Northern Transfer station for 2019 as per the contract accepted by Casella in November. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Representative McCarty moved for approval to set the Solid Waste User Fee unit price at \$20 for 2019 and the rate schedule for billing units as presented. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Representative Lapin moved to maintain the \$55 fee for commercial haulers to dispose of their recyclables. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

The committee discussed setting an out of county tip fee. Karen Sullivan stated she will continue to monitor out of county waste.

Lonnie O'Bryan of Casella discussed setting a minimum charge for the credit card machines at the transfer station. The committee did not object.

PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018—3965.64 tons of solid waste collected in October, credit to the County in the amount of \$3,006.77

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—397.51 tons collected in October, a charge from Casella in the amount of \$30,807.03 and \$16,818.45 revenue from recycling charge to commercial haulers

-Mattress Recycling Costs—1424 mattresses shipped thus far this year, program continues to pay for itself

-2018 E-Waste Totals—average cost per month roughly \$2,000

-Solid Waste and Recycling Budget 2018

Karen Sullivan gave the following updates:

- DEC Stakeholder Meeting Oct 26th in Syracuse
- Status of PACE financing
- 90 points away from Climate Smart Community Certification—should the County continue?
- Issue with Solar City/Nyseg not yet resolved
- Meeting with Ommegang to discuss glass
- Received funding for Densifier
- A film plastic recycling challenge in 2019 sponsored by the OCCA—could the Department sponsor a prize?
- What recyclables are accepted at the Westford transfer station –letter from a concerned citizen

Representative Lapin discussed oversight of the Ag Implementation Specialist position.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Thursday, December 13th at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.