

SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
McCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL
December 13, 2018

Absent: Representatives Kennedy and Koutnik

AG IMPLEMENTATION SPECIALIST –JIM BARBER

Karen Sullivan introduced to the committee the new Ag Implementation Specialist, Jim Barber. Jim Barber discussed with the committee his background and asked what the committee would like to accomplish over the next few years.

CONTRACTS

Representative McCarty presented a request to approve the annual support agreement with Soil & Water Conservation in the amount of \$165,000 to provide related services for 2019 budgeted in 8730.4680. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,226; Absent: 975 – Kennedy, Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to consider Casella's request for a 10 year MSW/Recycling contract term and long-term public/private partnership with an additional 5 year renewal option. Lonnie O'Bryan of Casella discussed why a long term contract would be beneficial. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,226; Absent: 975 –Kennedy, Koutnik. Motion carried.

SOIL & WATER DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS

Jordan Clements, District Manager presented an article regarding Governor Cuomo's announcement that the State is dedicating \$3 million for studies to reduce community flood risk. Three watersheds in Otsego County will be included in the Resilient NY program including Butternut, Cherry Valley and Otego Creek.

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

- Two covered barnyards installed
- Prescribed grazing plan being installed currently
- Ag Non-Point Source Grant Round 24 awarded, Schenevus Creek Buffer Project, \$90,000
- WQIP-waiting for the round to be awarded, should be within the month
- 2018 Trees for Tribs Grant Program through the DEC
- CAFO Manure Storage Program, awarded one manure storage project, should begin breaking ground in the spring

- Cover Crop & Soil Health class scheduled for April 16th at SUNY Oneonta
- Erosion & Sediment Class, Wednesday, March 6th 8-3:30 Quality Inn Oneonta, \$100/person
- Tree and Shrub program pick up dates May 3 & 4
- Forester completed 3rd Forestry Management Plan
- Goal for next year of bringing on a civil engineer

PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—388.53 tons collected in November at a cost per ton of \$107.52

-Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018—3108.8 tons of solid waste collected in November, credit to the County in the amount of \$2,794.76

-Mattress Recycling Costs—146 mattresses collected in November

-2018 E-Waste Totals—expecting a few more invoices before year end

-Solid Waste and Recycling Budget 2018—updating process of tracking finances

Lonnie O’Bryan made a brief announcement that ribbons and bows are not recyclable and asked if that information could be included in the next radio segment.

Tammie Harris reviewed the Climate Smart Communities Model Resolution. Representative Lapin moved for approval to adopt the Climate Smart Communities Pledge. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,226; Absent: 975 –Kennedy, Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan gave the following updates:

- Meeting with Ommegang 11/16 and Otesaga Hotel 11/29 to discuss removing glass from the waste stream
- New PACE “Pay When Received Program”-working to set up a conference call to discuss
- Meeting with haulers 11/28 to discuss new User Fee and Tip Fee

Tammie Harris shared photos of contamination taken by Jody Taylor at some of the transfer stations. Karen Sullivan asked Lonnie O’Bryan how best to address the issue and discussed a plan to reach out to Town Supervisors during the months of January and February.

Tammie Harris discussed the 239 recently prepared Buffer Maps.

Karen Sullivan informed the committee that the County Attorney is reviewing a request by the DEC to test a former landfill site in Otego.

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