

**SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
**MCCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL**  
**February 15, 2019**

**AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS- KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS**

Karen Sullivan and Tammie Harris discussed the Ag District open enrollment requests for 2019 noting that the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board approved the inclusion of 3 parcels at their meeting on 2/13/19.

Karen Sullivan requested to approve inclusions of land within existing agricultural districts for the 30 Day Open Enrollment. The following requests were reviewed and recommended for inclusion by the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board:

- Steven and Victoria Clark, Co. Hwy 1 Unadilla, NY 17.05 acres, Ag District 1
- Steven and Victoria Clark, Co. Hwy 2 Unadilla, NY 51.25 acres, Ag District 1
- Mario and Pam Correale, Co. Hwy 39 Worcester, 170.6 acres, Ag. District 1

Representative Farwell moved for approval to accept the recommendation of the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board and add the parcels as requested to Agriculture District No. 1. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN**

Karen Sullivan discussed the Climate Smart Pledge resolution that was tabled at the January board meeting and the proposed additions and deletions that have been approved by DEC.

Representative Lapin and Representative Koutnik were concerned with the deletion of the fossil fuel language in the new resolution. Representative Lapin stated that there have been 8,000 studies done that shows the effects of fossil fuels and the primary driver for fossil fuels and climate change is greenhouse gas emissions. Representative Koutnik stated that he cannot vote for the revised resolution without that language in it.

The committee discussed the following including but not limited to:

- goal is to have less fossil fuels
- climate is having extremes
- recognize the problem but can't do it all at once
- work on this together and move forward
- committed to take action

Representative Kennedy moved for approval to support the Climate Smart Community pledge/resolution as amended and presented today. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,853; Noes: 348- Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan gave an update on the Farm Preservation Grant noting that there were 4 candidates and the one that scored the highest was Bob Tracy Briar Hill Road, Town of Springfield. Karen Sullivan stated that there is a good view of Otsego Lake, road frontage, potential for development, and it will be preserved for future agricultural purposes under this grant. Representative McCarty stated his concerns with it lowering the tax base for the Town.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to transfer \$450 from 8160-4150 Heat and Lights to 8160-4100 Telephone to replace two analog phones. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval for the following budget modifications in regards to the Hazardous Mitigation Grant:

Increase 8160-4900 Contracts by \$28,185.25

Increase rev. line 0000-4312 Hazardous Mitigation Grant by \$28,185.25

Increase rev. line 0000-4312 Hazardous Mitigation Grant by \$11,000

Decrease rev. line 0000-3910 DEC/Grant by \$11,000

Representative Koutnik moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval for the following budget modification in regards to the DEC- Septic Grant:

Increase 8160-4900 Contracts by \$59,700

Increase rev. line 0000-3910 by \$59,700

The committee discussed the DEC Septic Grant including but not limited to: it is for Goodyear Lake residents/renters only right now, ½ of the replacement is reimbursed up to \$10,000 per project. Representative McCarty asked if other lakes could be considered. Karen Sullivan stated that they have spoken to the DEC about including other bodies of water in Otsego County and suggested a letter be drafted to them to consider other water sources.

Dan Sullivan stated that Delaware Engineering is doing a feasibility study in Richfield for a water/sewer district that will look at different scenarios.

Representative McCarty asked how people know about this grant. Tammie Harris stated that a press release was sent out, they talked to the Town and the lake association, sent letters to all qualified individuals, and 3 projects were completed in 2018 and 3 others are pending.

Representative Farwell moved for approval of the DEC-Septic Grant budget modification. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval for the following budget modification in regards to the Snowmobile Grant:

Increase 7120-4800 Recreational by \$40,302.50

Increase rev. line 0000-3890 by \$40,302.50

Representative Koutnik moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Jordan Clements, District Manager for Soil & Water was unable to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict so Karen Sullivan reviewed his monthly report discussing the following including but not limited to:

- Ag Non-Point Source Grant: Otsego County Buffer Project II-designs for buffer for the farms are complete and planting will take place later in the Spring
- Lower Wharton Creek Buffer Project: forest buffer will be planted on stream found on the surrounding property
- Upper Schenevus Watershed Buffer Project: will commence later this Spring, 2/3 of the project completed
- Starting to put together the plan for Round 25, RFP not coming out until March this year
- Climate Resiliency Grant: Due 2/26, grant has 3.5 million available for cover and flairs, stream restoration, cover crops
- Upper Susquehanna Coalition: NRCS Funds, submitted 2 applications, should find out late Spring/early summer, working on application through USC for an intern to work out of the office to do site checks and maintenance on existing planted forested buffers
- NYSDEC AIS Grant: teaming with OCCA to provide an emergency response team to invasive species and try to eradicate them within existing forested buffers
- Ag & Farmland Protection Committee: moving forward with monthly meetings
- Ag Plastic: working on trying to secure a buyer for plastic- working with Montgomery County to try and team up with their buyer
- 4 hour Erosion and Sediment Control Class: will be held on 3/6/19 at the Comfort Inn in Oneonta from 8:00-3:30 p.m., \$100 charge with lunch included
- Cover crop and Soil Health Class- will be held on Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 10:00-2:30 p.m. at SUNY Oneonta, no charge
- 2019 Tree & Shrub Program/Fish Program: currently accepting orders, order forms available at the office and online, orders accepted until 4/1
- Leatherstocking Envirothon: will be held on 4/24/19 from 8:00-2:00 p.m. at Gilbert Lake State Park, volunteers are needed

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-Solid Waste Totals—2414.6 tons of solid waste collected in January, \$482.55 credit to the County

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—327.34 tons collected in January, a charge from Casella in the amount of \$25,859.86 and \$13,818.75 revenue from recycling charge to commercial haulers, total costs of recycling including labor for January is \$38,422.71

- Solid Waste expenditures for January 2019 including evolution recycling -\$5929.13 and Townsquare Media- \$745.16

- ReUse Store Report: grand opening on 6/16/18, by end of 2018 they had saved 224,000 pounds of materials from entering Otsego County's waste stream, working with ONC BOCES on repairing computers, and have received a grant to being recycling polystyrene this Spring. Karen Sullivan stated that they are doing really well, building is full, and it's a really good effort

Karen Sullivan stated that a meeting will be held on 2/21/19 with the Town of Cherry Valley to discussing recycling station.

Tamie Harris discussed attending the DEC Glass Recycling Meeting that was held in Albany on 1/17/19 discussing the following including but not limited to: glass is difficult to recycle due to regulatory reasons, uses limited, could be used as a backfill or as a sub base for roads, as well as for sandblasting, it is better for drainage, municipal projects, rain gardens, barriers to recycling include certain weight/volume needed, and it is hard to store.

Representative Farwell asked if the Andela plan would create a market for glass. Karen Sullivan stated that Andela will take glass now at no cost but the biggest issue is getting it there. The committee discussed other options including checking with Seward Sand and Gravel and Cobleskill Stone to see if they will take it.

Karen Sullivan gave an update on the status of the recycling densifier grant with the ReUse store noting that it is moving forward, the grant can be transferred to ARC Otsego so it will not be the County's equipment, there will be a soft opening once everything is installed and training has occurred.

Karen Sullivan presented information on Enviro World who does rain barrel and compost bins distribution/pre order program noting that it is a great cause, conserves water, everyone interested would order the units online, they are then delivered here, collection point would be set up, no cost to the County, and the costs for the units are \$60 for the rain barrels and \$50 for the compost bin. Representative Kennedy moved for approval to move forward with the Enviro

World Rain Barrel/compost bin program. Seconded, Lapin and Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan gave the following updates:

- Received a DOT Notice regarding improvements to State Hwy 80 in Edmeston, to include crosswalks and removal of parking spots
- Hampton Inn proposal, Town of Hartwick- sent letter to DOT regarding congestion of traffic in that area and asked for a study during peak season, they are reviewing the request
- Earth Festival will be held on Saturday, 4/13/19
- Received notice from Chenango County regarding High Ridge Wind Turbine proposal/project- Town of Guilford, close to Otsego County
- Southern Tier 8- energy consultants- RFP results in, decision is upcoming
- Farm Restore program is open until 2/26/19

Representative Lapin gave an update on the AIS Specialist noting that there is a list of 6 deliverables that will be sent out to the committee, they look good, are clear, and achievable.

Karen Sullivan requested approval for an executive session to discuss potential litigation. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

The committee did not reconvene.

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