

SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
McCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL
February 20, 2018

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS

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

- Grants
 - o Ag Non-Point Source –Otego Creek Watershed Manure Storage & Buffer Project, one manure pit is complete in town of Laurens, seeding around the pit to take place in the spring, forest buffer will be planted
 - o Putting together plan for round 24
 - o Climate Resiliency Grant due February 26th, working on one applicant, \$3.5 million available for Cover and Flairs, Stream restoration, cover crops
 - o Upper Susquehanna Coalition RCPP-one applicant funded in round 1 backing out of grant program due to loss of milk market, submitting 3-4 applicants for round 2
 - o Healthy Watersheds Grant –working with OCCA and US Forestry, total watershed management plan for Butternuts
- Ag & Farmland Protection Committee met 4 times, job description complete for Ag Implementation Specialist, hopes to have job announcement out shortly
- February meeting with CPA cancelled due to weather, will meet in March
- Ag Plastic collection: Cooperstown, Thursday May 10th; Oneonta, Saturday May 12th; Cooperstown, Thursday October 11th and Oneonta, Saturday October 13th
- Cover, Crop and Soil Health, Friday, March 2nd 10-2:30 at SUNY Oneonta, no charge to participants, includes lunch
- Currently accepting orders online and at the office for both Tree and Shrub Program and the Fish Program
- Leatherstocking Envirothon scheduled for April 25th from 8-2 at Gilbert Lake State Park, volunteers needed
- Stream Program—would like to get highway, villages and towns involved, would like to invite Mark Watts of Chemung Soil and Water to a future SWEC meeting to discuss their stream program

Representative Farwell moved for approval to extend the Inter-Office Agreement with Otsego County Soil and Water for Ag Plastic Collection program at an annual cost of \$13,700. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS

Karen Sullivan gave an explanation of Ag and Markets Law Article 25-AA Sec. 303B. The committee discussed Ag exemption and Karen Sullivan stated she will research how many are taking advantage of the exemption. Karen Sullivan requested to approve inclusions of land within existing agricultural districts for the 30 Day Ag District Enrollment. Representative Kennedy moved for approval of Bruce Harrison inclusion in Ag District #6 contingent upon approval of the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Representative Lapin moved for approval of Mario and Pam Correale inclusion in Ag District #2 contingent upon approval of the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan stated that the Solid Waste expenditures for January 2018 were not currently available.

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018, noting 2582.74 tons of solid waste was collected in January and the amount due to Casella is \$13,426.42

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—406.95 tons were collected in January at a cost of \$60.74 per ton

-E-Waste Totals—including number of lbs of CRTs, Flats and CCEs picked up to date and the invoiced amounts, will continue to monitor the costs, not receiving reimbursement from the DEC at this time

-Mattress Recycling Stats—177 mattresses collected at the scale house in January, Karen Sullivan stated research is being done on a recycling mattress machine

Karen Sullivan gave an update regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan noting that on January 31st she met with haulers, open meetings were held February 13th and 14th and public comment period ends March 18th. Representative Lapin inquired about a problem statement and the motivating factors behind the recommendations found in the plan.

Karen Sullivan stated that she has not received an update regarding Pace Financing. Representative Lapin stated that the County Attorney received a legal opinion from the State and the next step is for the County Attorney to communicate her understanding of it.

Karen Sullivan stated a draft letter of Interested Party regarding impacts from adjoining county projects has been drawn up, the County Attorney made some minor adjustments to the letter and it is now awaiting the Chair of the Board's signature.

Tammie Harris discussed the agriculture plastic program and the cost to dispose. The committee discussed ways to fund the program.

The committee discussed a news article about reducing plastic bag waste.

Karen Sullivan requested an executive session to discuss the submittals for the Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Representative Kennedy moved for approval to enter into an executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular corporation. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

The committee reconvened.

Representative Kennedy moved to come out of executive session. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Representative Koutnik moved for approval to award the contract for the Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan to Tetra Tech for an amount not to exceed \$109,728. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested the following budget modification for the acceptance of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update DHS grant received by the County:

Increase	Solid Waste Contracts	8160.4900	\$112,500
Increase	Revenue	0000.4312	\$112,500

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

The committee continued the discussion from last month regarding Cornell Cooperative Extension and to which committee the agency should report to.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Monday, March 19th at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.