

**SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
**McCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL**  
**March 19, 2018**

Representative Koutnik appeared via telephone

**OTSEGO COUNTY COMPOST PROJECT –MARK DAVIES/LESLIE ORZETTI/ROB BEISLER/  
KAREY FOSTER**

Mark Davies of Hartwick College, Leslie Orzetti of the OCCA, Rob Beisler of Seward Sand & Gravel and Karey Foster of Casella presented information regarding a countywide compost project including but not limited to the following:

- Background—reasons for doing countywide composting
- Project Implementation
- Transportation
- Public/private partnerships
- Goal to divert food waste and green waste from trash streams and keep organic matter in Otsego County
- Seward Sand & Gravel—equipment secured through match, need for additional equipment to be purchased through grant
- Explanation of current compost process
- Future plans to offer a separate compost finished product to sell for gardening and construction projects
- SUNY Oneonta-first collection approximately 5 tons of food waste in 5 days resulting in 1 ½ yards of compost
- Lessons learned regarding toter cleanliness and use of compostable bags
- Next steps include refining the collection/hauling process, purchasing additional equipment needed at Seward Sand & Gravel, determining feasibility of northern collection site and researching feasibility of public compost collection

The team of presenters entertained questions at the conclusion of the presentation.

**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS**

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

- Attended a week long training in Syracuse
- Grants
  - o Gearing up to write Ag Non-Point Source grant
  - o WQIP –currently working on obtaining projects, salt sheds and stream projects

- Healthy Watersheds Grant
- Looking to obtain a drone
- Ag Farmland Protection Committee –job description is complete and job announcement has gone out
- Continuing to work with the CPA
- Ag Plastic collection: Cooperstown, Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup>; Oneonta, Saturday May 12<sup>th</sup>; Cooperstown, Thursday October 11<sup>th</sup> and Oneonta, Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>
- Cover, Crop and Soil Health, cancelled March 2<sup>nd</sup> due to the weather, hopes to reschedule for late fall/early winter
- Currently accepting orders for both Tree and Shrub Program and the Fish Program
- Envirothon scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8-2 at Gilbert Lake State Park, over 100 participants, volunteers needed

Jordan Clements addressed the stream issue in Laurens and some comments that were made in the media. Jordan Clements stated that at the next SWEC meeting Mark Watts of Chemung Soil and Water will present information on their stream program.

#### **PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS**

Karen Sullivan stated that Otsego County as lead agency for the Solid Waste Management Plan needed to make a determination of significance under SEQRA. After review of the information presented, Representative Lapin moved for approval to issue a negative declaration under SEQRA and recommend adoption of the Otsego County Local Solid Waste Management Plan for the 2018-2027 planning period, effective upon NYSDEC approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,853; Absent: 348 –Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to consolidate all agricultural districts into one; approval subject to Farmland Protection Board approval in March. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,853; Absent: 348 –Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to amend Resolution No. 351-20171206 pertaining to a local law establishing a sustainable energy loan program in Otsego County due to new State regulations. Dan Sullivan of MVEDD discussed the new regulations. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,853; Absent: 348 –Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to hold the annual Household Hazardous Waste event on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> and to allow the department to prepare an RFP for vendor. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,853; Absent: 348 –Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—383.33 tons were collected in February at a cost of \$60.58 per ton

-Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018, noting 2354.9 tons of solid waste was collected in February and the amount due to Casella is \$4,923.12

-E-Waste Totals—including number of pounds of CRTs, Flats and CCEs picked up to date and the invoiced amounts, only one additional invoice has been received since the last meeting

-Mattress Recycling Stats—90 mattresses collected at the scale house in February

Karen Sullivan presented information regarding the number of parcels in Otsego County receiving an agricultural exemption.

Karen Sullivan gave an update regarding her efforts to follow up on comments made at the March Board meeting regarding the northern transfer station.

Karen Sullivan stated she attended a meeting at the ARC office regarding Styrofoam recycling options and has reached out to TRIAD for possible solutions.

Karen Sullivan stated she received a letter from the DEC about a landfill site inspection scheduled to take place at the northern transfer station.

Karen Sullivan discussed the State legislation regarding plastic bags.

Tammie Harris gave an update regarding ag plastic collection.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.