

**SOLID WASTE & ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE**  
**McCARTY, KENNEDY, KOUTNIK, LAPIN, FARWELL**  
**May 15, 2018**

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN**

Karen Sullivan introduced Amanda Canorro as the intern who will be working on the Highway Asset Management Plan.

Karen Sullivan introduced Shannon Kirch as the new Ag Implementation Specialist. Ms. Kirch briefly summarized her background.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to piggy-back on Albany County's RFP and contract with MXI for 2018 HHW as per RFP. Representative Kennedy moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to extend the Inter-municipal Agreement between Otsego, Schoharie and Montgomery County for Montgomery County to continue management of the three closed landfills. Representative Farwell moved for approval. Seconded, Kennedy. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan stated the cost of recycling per ton in the month of March was \$61.97 once the rebate was applied.

**SOIL & WATER DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS**

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

- Approximately 5,000 trees have been planted or about 5 acres of buffers
- DeGlee Farm Leachate Collection & VTA Abatement System— leachate collection system and bunk silo installation currently
- 4 applicants for the Upper Susquehanna Coalition RCPP funding for grazing system
- Submitting CRISP grant for \$30,000 for invasive species education, identification and eradication
- Waiting to hear regarding the Wildlife Conservation Society Climate Adaptation Funding
- Shannon Kirch selected for the position of Ag Implementation Specialist
- Cover Crop & Soil Health rescheduled for October 9<sup>th</sup>
- 200 preorders were submitted for the 2018 Tree and Shrub Program
- 10-12 individuals participated in the 2018 Fish Program
- 15 teams participated in Envirothon, Cooperstown team won and will represent the County at the State level
- attended a meeting last month sponsored by CADE regarding the dairy crisis

- Water Quality Coordinating Committee (WQCC) —meeting every other month with goal to write a watershed management plan—starting with Butternuts, hope to complete in August

Jordan Clements asked the committee if there were any questions regarding the Stream Program proposal he sent out earlier. The committee discussed the following, including but not limited to:

- Would like to see complete build out of budget
- More detail on the environmental and economic benefits
- Funding sources—would yearly contribution from County decrease over time? What would it entail? Is STE a viable option? Suggest looking into Consolidated Funding Application through LGE
- Is there a need for equipment that the Highway Dept already has?

Representative McCarty inquired about the erosion issue at the Otsego Golf Course.

**TREASURER –ALLEN RUFFLES/ANDREW CRISMAN and REAL PROPERTY –HANK SCHECHER**

The committee discussed PACE financing including but not limited to the following:

- What are considered reasonable efforts to collect funds
- How to enter into an agreement with EIC
- How to proceed if a property forecloses
- Are monthly payments possible?
- Talk to the Treasurer and Real Property in a county that has already done this
- Have the PACE applicant meet with the Treasurer to discuss and agree to the stipulations

At the conclusion of the discussion, Allen Ruffles stated that any questions or concerns regarding PACE financing can be emailed to his attention to be discussed further with EIC.

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN/TAMMIE HARRIS (cont.)**

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

- Recycling Costs for Otsego County—362.51 tons were collected in April at a cost of \$87.70 per ton

Sean LaRose of Waste Recovery inquired about residential v. commercial recyclables and the issue of contamination.

-Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018, noting 3171.11 tons of solid waste was collected in April and there is a credit from Casella in the amount of \$4,270.69

-Mattress Recycling Stats—\$800 for repairs to trailer to be reimbursed by Casella

The committee discussed a request from Family Services regarding the mattress collection fee and a family in need.

Karen Sullivan gave an update regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan noting changes were made in response to comments received from the OCCA. Karen Sullivan stated she hopes the Plan can be adopted at the June Board meeting.

Karen Sullivan stated that she sent a link to an article regarding plastic bags.

Karen Sullivan gave an update regarding charging for commercial recycling, noting she would like to see what June revenues amount to before making any additional changes.

Karen Sullivan stated she attended a meeting with the Landfill Oversight Committee on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> and sent the minutes to the committee members.

Karen Sullivan stated Tammie Harris is working on the DEC Septic Replacement Program Grant and is sending out flyers to residents on Goodyear Lake.

Representative McCarty expressed concerns over issues at the Southern transfer station including a damaged floor and possible contamination of soil, a broken cage and the removal of dead wiring.

Karen Sullivan presented a request from John Rowley of the Lions Club regarding assistance in the cost of disposal in connection with the clean up of the Susquehanna River. Representative McCarty moved that the Solid Waste and Environmental Concerns Committee recommend to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee using remaining funds from the community event program to defray the cost of disposal of collected garbage that would normally be brought to the transfer station from the clean up of the Susquehanna River from the Stone Bridge to the Mill St. Bridge. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan discussed the NYSEDA PONS awarded to Southern Tier Solar, OCCA and MVRED.

Karen Sullivan asked the committee about submitting a letter of intent in response to HMGP funding opportunity DDR 4322 (Stella Storm declaration).

Karen Sullivan stated she made a visit to Madison County Eco-Site to observe the Styrofoam Densifyer, further adding that the ARC is willing to be a collection site in the County. John Gale of Casella mentioned some potential issues with the cold Styrofoam Densifyer.

Karen Sullivan stated there has been contamination at the town of Cherry Valley transfer station. Karen Sullivan explained attempts to resolve the issue and steps to take going forward.

Karen Sullivan announced a site visit to the Delaware County solid waste facility on June 20<sup>th</sup> and asked if any committee members were interested in attending.

Karen Sullivan announced that an LED workshop will be held May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Meadows Office from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to sign the HHW registration for DEC permit approval. Representative McCarty moved for approval. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan requested approval to repair the floor at the Southern transfer station not to exceed \$2,500. Representative Lapin moved for approval. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 2,201. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan asked those in attendance from Casella for an update regarding the issues at the Northern transfer station.

Leslie Orzetti of OCCA requested assistance in following up on the DOS Climate Grant. Karen Sullivan asked for a contact and stated she will follow up.

Karen Sullivan asked the committee members to review the contracts for solid waste and recycling which will expire at the end of this year.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.