

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

Absent: Representative Kennedy

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN**

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

-Recycling Costs for Otsego County—496.03 tons collected in May, invoice not yet received. Ms. Sullivan stated she has been making an effort to get the word out regarding clean recyclables through radio, Facebook and news articles

The committee discussed how to reduce the use of plastic bags.

-Mattress Recycling Stats—280 mattresses collected in May, the program continues to pay for itself

-Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018—3799.08 tons of solid waste collected in May and there is a credit from Casella in the amount of \$5,393.72

-2018 E-Waste Totals—year to date 60,150 lbs of CRTs/TVs collected at a cost of \$10,827, total amount invoiced year to date \$12,985.47 (includes CRTs/TVs, broken items charge, CCEs, Non-CCEs and batteries)

**SOIL & WATER DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS**

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

- Approximately 7,000 trees have been planted for buffers on 4 different properties
- Busy in the field
- Leachate collection system in Morris
- Grazing project underway
- Second forestry management plan is being written
- Forestry Technician has set up office in the forestry cabin
- Working with Karen Sullivan on the Government Efficiency grant as it relates to the Stream Program
- Has visited several towns to discuss the Stream Program, scheduled through August to visit the rest

The committee discussed the Stream Program including starting salary for operators, quotes on equipment, and goal of the program to mitigate damage due to flooding and do preventive work.

Representative Lapin suggested reviewing the resiliency of the program. Jordan Clements stated his goal of getting the project off the ground in the near future and asked what the next steps are. Karen Sullivan suggested getting approval to submit applications for grants. After further discussion, Representative Lapin moved for approval to authorize and support Soil and Water to submit applications for the Local Government Efficiency Grant and the Appalachian Regional Commission Grant as is applies to the Stream Program. Seconded, Koutnik. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,574; Absent: 627 –Kennedy. Motion carried.

The committee recommended clarifying liability issues in the Inter-Municipal Agreement.

Jordan Clements stated he has used Part C funds to purchase equipment for hydroseeding that townships are welcome to use.

Jordan Clements stated he would like to arrange for the Board members to tour forest parcels on a Saturday during the month of August.

Representative McCarty inquired about cleaning up the compost area in order to store surplus vehicles.

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

Karen Sullivan presented a flyer from Casella dated May 2018 entitled Recycling Commodity Update.

Karen Sullivan stated the LED workshop was cancelled due to low pre-registration numbers.

Karen Sullivan followed up on a request from John Rowley of the Lions Club regarding assistance with the cost of disposal in connection with the clean up of the Susquehanna River. Representative Farwell stated the request was discussed at the IGA meeting the day before.

Karen Sullivan gave the following updates:

- There are 7 applicants for the DEC Septic Replacement Program Grant, of which 6 are viable
- would like any comments regarding the solid waste and recycling contracts by the end of July so that RFP can go out in August
- Otsego County was awarded \$250,000 for the Clean Energy Community Program
- site visit to the Delaware County solid waste facility scheduled June 20<sup>th</sup>, anyone interested in attending should let her know

Karen Sullivan presented a request from the Montgomery County Landfill Manager for approval to lease a new tractor. The request was presented and approved by Schoharie County. The committee asked a few questions that Ms. Sullivan stated she would research. Representative Koutnik moved to approve the request made by Montgomery County to lease a truck tractor upon

receiving satisfactory answers to the questions raised. Seconded, Lapin. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,574; Absent: 627 –Kennedy. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan continued with new business, including the following:

- there will be a temporary hold on collecting books at the transfer station
- the ARC ReUse Center will have a grand opening Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>
- discussed Ag plastic collection and the gasifier program
- Cherry Valley is working to resolve the contamination issues at the transfer station

Representative Lapin asked for an update regarding the SUNY composting project.

Representatives from Casella discussed necessary repairs at the transfer station and whether or not the Highway Department or Building Services could manage them.

Karen Sullivan stated two properties were accepted by the State for the 30 Day Ag District Inclusion.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Meadows Building.