

SOLID WASTE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE
MCCARTY, LAPIN, FARWELL, KENNEDY, BROCKWAY
JULY 7, 2020
8:30 a.m.

Under the current COVID-19 emergency/Executive orders, this committee meeting was not physically open to the public at the County Office Building. The meeting was streamed via facebookLIVE.

Members: Representative McCarty- present, via zoom
Representative Lapin- present, via zoom
Representative Farwell- present, via zoom
Representative Kennedy- present, in Board Chambers
Representative Brockway- present, via zoom

SOLID WASTE- KAREN SULLIVAN and LONNIE O'BRYAN from Casella via zoom

Karen Sullivan requested approval to accept the June 9, 2020 Solid Waste and Environmental Concerns committee meeting minutes. Representative Farwell moved approval. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 1,432; Absent: 975-Lapin, Kennedy. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan stated that the solar project in connection with the Agency Homes is about halfway completed adding that there is \$34,000 remaining under the NYSEDA grant funding. Mrs. Sullivan added that by completing the solar project, this would allow the county to be connected to the grid allowing credits to be applied to a county building until the agency homes are completed at which time the credits would be applied to those homes.

Representative Kennedy arrived in the Board Chambers during the above discussion.

Representative Farwell moved approval to move forward with the solar project. Seconded, Brockway. Total: 2,407; Ayes: 1,432; Absent: 348-Lapin; Abstain: 627-Kennedy. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan presented Recycling and Solid Waste reports for the month of June as follows:

- MSW: 3,660 (Increase of 69 tons compared to same period last year)
- Recyclables- 305.56 tons (Decrease of 54 tons compared to same period last year) with average cost per ton \$142.37/ton

Karen Sullivan gave the following updates:

- Continuing discussions with several neighboring counties related to providing an alternative solution due to the county cancelling their HHW collection day

- Compactor at STS used for cardboard collection is now up and running
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan has been submitted to the state and the state has made minor comments

Representative Lapin arrived via zoom during the above updates.

Karen Sullivan stated that she received a request from John Rowley on behalf of the Lion's Club asking for assistance in offsetting the costs incurred in the disposal of materials collected during the River Clean Up event. After further discussion, Representative Brockway moved to allow the utilization of the county's MSW July credit at a cost not to exceed \$250 to help offset the disposal costs for the River Clean up event. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,407. Ayes: 2,407. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan stated that a question was presented to her concerning why aren't the county's recyclables being sent to a burn/incinerator plant. Mrs. Sullivan stated that she further researched this and reached out to Mr. Preston from Covanta, adding that she has a meeting tomorrow with Mr. Preston to discuss further.

Karen Sullivan stated that due to the financial state of the County, that the county needs to be proactive with ongoing discussions concerning the future of Solid Waste. Mrs. Sullivan added that she has emailed the committee various related documents for referencing such as the Local Governments and the Municipal Solid Waste Landfill business report (December 2018) from the Office of the NYS Comptroller.

Karen Sullivan briefly discussed other cost savings measures that the county could implement such as stop servicing 10 transfer sites within the county, charge for furniture disposal, and an electronics disposal fee that would offset the county's cost for such disposal.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION- JESSICA MILLER ON BEHALF OF JORDAN CLEMENTS via zoom

Jessica Miller gave district updates, which included but was not limited to the following:

- Continue to work on Round 23, 24, 25 ag grants
- Applied for 2 grants in Round 26
- Tech completing ag environment management field work
- Working on maintaining buffers
- Post pounders being rental consistently
- Offices are still closed to the public due to the Federal partners whom are located in the same building remain closed
- Applying for other grants and working with partners of the Upper Susquehanna Coalition

Representative Farwell gave an update that the current contract associated with the Butternut Creek project has been extended.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned.