

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

Representative Koutnik appeared via telephone.

**PLANNING/SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN**

Karen Sullivan reviewed the draft Resolution Requesting State Action to Relieve Recycling Mandates in a Time of Crisis and the committee suggested possible revisions. Representative Lapin moved to support the resolution with the changes as discussed. Seconded, Farwell. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,478; Absent: 723-McCarty and Koutnik. Motion carried.

Karen Sullivan, on behalf of the OCCA, presented the Year of the Bird proclamation. After discussion, Representative Kennedy moved to declare 2018 to be the Year of the Bird. Seconded, McCarty. Total: 2,201; Ayes: 1,853; Absent: 348- Koutnik. Motion carried.

**SOIL & WATER DISTRICT –JORDAN CLEMENTS**

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

- October 19<sup>th</sup> Cover Crop & Soil Class featuring 5 guest speakers
- Pasture walk scheduled for this week has been rescheduled for the spring
- October 12<sup>th</sup> Farm Tour event
- October 18<sup>th</sup> Upper Susquehanna Watershed Forum at the Morris Conference Center
- Two log sales have been arranged
- \$1.6 million in projects completed this summer
- Ag Plastic baling scheduled for October, with emphasis on clean material
- Will attend one more town meeting to discuss the Stream Program, deadline for towns to respond end of October

Representative Marietta entered the meeting.

**OTHER –REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW MARIETTA and SOLID WASTE –KAREN SULLIVAN**

The committee and those present discussed and updated the Otsego County SWEC Committee 2018-2020 Strategic Plan including the mission/vision statement and the following six strategic issues: Personnel, Waste Stream Reduction, Partnerships, Data Collection & Evaluation, Education & Outreach and Environmental Issues. The committee added Chesapeake Bay, Hazard Mitigation, Climate Change and Energy Reduction as actions to address

environmental concerns. Karen Sullivan asked each committee member to consider what their top 5 priorities are.

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

Karen Sullivan presented and reviewed the following reports:

- Recycling Costs for Otsego County—444.12 tons collected in August, a charge from Casella in the amount of \$28,867.80 and \$18,581.75 pending revenue from recycling charge to commercial haulers
- 2018 E-Waste Totals—Tammie Harris explained there was a discrepancy between broken/scavenged charged and broken/scavenged actual that they are working to resolve
- Solid Waste Totals 2016-2018—3897.34 tons of solid waste collected in August, credit from Casella in the amount of \$13,982.56
- Mattress Recycling Costs—1274 mattresses shipped thus far this year

Karen Sullivan gave the results of the 21<sup>st</sup> Household Hazardous Waste Collection days held September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> including but not limited to the following:

- 88 cars dropped off materials in Unadilla
- 601 cars dropped off materials at the Meadows
- 175 lbs of pharmaceuticals and medications collected
- 17,000 lbs of TVs, computers, phones and other electronic equipment collected
- 1500 lbs of household batteries, 200 propane tanks and 270 gallons of paint collected

Karen Sullivan gave an update concerning the PACE contract and the RFP for Solid Waste noting the town of Exeter will be closing their recycling transfer site and will therefore need to be removed from the RFP.

Karen Sullivan summarized the IGA meeting energy presentation with Irene Weiser of Tompkins County and the committee discussed who should oversee the possible formation of an energy task force.

Karen Sullivan reviewed the 2019 Solid Waste budget and presented several budgets with an adjusted User Fee and/or Tip Fee.

There being no further business to discuss, the committee adjourned until Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the County Office Building.