

**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2012**

Committee Members

David Baker
Ralph Angelo
Dodie Huber
Charles Evangelista
John Sheppard
Kristine Singer

N/A = Necessarily Absent

Attendees

All committee members
Darlys McDonough, Interim Planning Director
John Garvey, County Administrator
John Park, County Attorney
Andrea Schoeneman, Assistant County Attorney
Cathy Bentzoni, Finance Director
Karen DeMay, Clerk
Carla Jordan and Larry Schilling, Casella Waste Management, observers
Katie Bennett Roll, Chris Costello, Dave Shaw (FLT), Julie Sherwood (DM), and others unidentified.

Committee Vice Chairman Sheppard called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: *Minutes of the October 17, 2012, meeting were approved by motion of Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Angelo and carried.*

Old Business:

Solid Waste Activities Update: Solid Waste Management Plan

County Administrator Garvey reported that he has not heard back from NYS DEC regarding our Solid Waste Management Plan. Once an initial response is received from NYS we will be able to respond to their comments. We were promised results by last April 2012. Supervisor Evangelista asked can we ask our elected officials to look into this. Committee members agreed. Mr. Garvey will pursue.

Landfill Operations:

Carla Jordan from Casella Waste provided handouts and updates. She spoke about an annual gas collection performance audit. Casella Waste will provide to Ontario County an annual stipend to hire an auditor of the gas collection system performance at the landfill in order to ensure proper odor control. This stipend will be paid so Ontario County can hire a 3rd party firm to perform the audit. This will be an added odor mitigation measure listed on the SEQR documentation.

Ms. Jordan further referred to a map which identifies current and future wells. Casella is currently working on gas collection that lies outside the slope. They are working with American Environmental Group LTD which has proposed engineering design and construction services to assist with landfill gas control improvements at the landfill.

Answering Supervisor Sheppard's question, Ms. Jordan stated work is starting on the 29th to accomplish these odor mitigating efforts.

Larry Schilling from Casella Waste added that they discovered a problem with a big flare. Water was collecting with the gas. The problem has been corrected.

Ms. Jordan added that Innovative Energy has been granted an expansion permit. They will be adding on to the building and will house more engines. It should all be operational by February 2013.

The committee reviewed the letter received from Mr. Richard Eaton. No action required by the committee, but Casella Waste has addressed all of Mr. Eaton's concerns. A copy of their response was distributed to committee members.

Supervisor Evangelista asked; does Casella have a program to respond to and remediate private residents' concerns. Ms. Jordan responded, yes. If a resident is interested, all they have to do is call.

At this time Supervisor Sheppard noted the arrival of Supervisor Baker.

With regard to storm debris, Mr. Schilling stated there is an estimated report of 12 million yards of material to dispose of. Casella is working with towns and communities downstate as well as the Corps of Engineers. He understands some debris will come north by train to the Seneca Army Depot. It will be offloaded to trucks, and from there travel north avoiding the City of Geneva coming down Pre-Emption Road to the Landfill. This will all take place during regular operating hours within the current permit limits.

County Administrator Garvey added he has received letters from the Towns of Islip and Babylon. Deputy County Administrator McDonough added the impact of this storm is significant.

Supervisor Evangelista asked, what can we expect with regard to related truck traffic, and how will you make the residents aware? Mr. Schilling stated it is not known at this time, many details are still being reviewed. They are piecing together what information they have. He did state the tonnage taken in will be within the permit limit.

360 Expansion Permit, Resolution to Accept FEIS Comments:

Supervisor Sheppard reminded the committee this resolution was tabled at the last board meeting.

Supervisor Baker stated he believes the FEIS should stay on the table until Casella Waste has remedied the odor issue. When that is accomplished this committee should recommend back to the full board our satisfaction.

Supervisor Huber stated she supports Mr. Baker's comments and needs time to digest the information presented today by Casella Waste. We must honor our agreement with Casella Waste and have a remedy to the odor issue.

Addressing Supervisor Singer's concerns, Ms. Jordan stated the per-day tonnage was at 1,999 tons per day, now it is at 2,999 permitted tons per day. The old permit was increased by one-third.

Supervisor Evangelista expressed frustration with being held up by DEC for comments on our Solid Waste Plan, yet they are looking for relief for down-state people affected by Hurricane Sandy. The delay for answers on all aspects is of great concern. He discourages calling the resolution off the table until the county is satisfied with action on the part of Casella Waste Management.

Mr. Sheppard added his concern as well. He asked about the timing of the Title V SPDES (State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) and ancillary permits; would they be running parallel. Ms. Jordan stated Casella has started the application process and it is premature to run them parallel.

Mr. Sheppard stated, in the FEIS there is reference to the odor management plan. Is there an option to bring a viable plan forward regarding some level of accountability of the odor? Mr. Schilling referred back to the stipend to be paid to Ontario County to hire a 3rd party firm to perform the audit for gas management. This 3rd party review is a security of sorts paid for by Casella to benefit the county.

At Mr. Sheppard's recommendation, the Planning Director will receive and compile comments from supervisors.

At this time, Supervisor Sheppard offered to anyone present the opportunity to speak. Mr. Chris Costello from the Town of Canandaigua wanted to know how debris from Hurricane Sandy would be classified; would it be considered hazardous. Carla Jordon answered; it is classified as flood debris. It will also be counted as part of the daily intake under the current permit.

Executive Session:

At 5:00 p.m., Supervisor Huber made the motion, seconded by Supervisor Singer, to move into executive session to confer with counsel as attorney/client privilege; said motion carried. Those who were asked to remain were County John Park, Finance Director Cathy Bentzoni, Assistant County Attorney

Andrea Schoeneman, County Administrator John Park, Deputy County Administrator Darlys McDonough, Clerk Karen DeMay as well as all committee members.

At 5:40 p.m., motion was made by Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Evangelista, to move out of executive session;’ said motion was carried.

Committee Chairman Baker thanked Supervisor Sheppard for taking the Chair today on his behalf.

There being no further business to come before the committee, motion was made by Supervisor Angelo, seconded by Supervisor Evangelista to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen R. DeMay, Clerk
Board of Supervisors