

Citizens Advisory Board
Mill Seat Landfill
Meeting Minutes Tuesday, 1/17/17

Attendees: Peg Steffan, Ginny Adams, Mike Garland, Ken Kuter, Barbara Robinson, Dan Dries, Mike Brown, Jeff Richardson, Nicole Fornof, Gerry Mitrano, Eric Grimm, Cindy Jessop, and Al Turcotte.

Peg Steffan called the meeting to order at 6pm. No introductions were necessary.

Barb Robinson proposed an amendment to the minutes to say that the next open house in 2017 will be at High Acres. Mike Brown identified typo corrections to be made.

Motion to accept minutes by Peg.

The Operations Report was given by Jeff Richardson. See Oct-Dec 2016 CAB Operations Report for further detail.

Ken Kuter asked about the capacity of the sewer system. Mike Garland explained that it would be possible for other generators to be added to the existing sewer infrastructure and that it is not at capacity.

Mike Brown asked how the revenue sharing compares to the facility's gross revenue. Jeff Richardson said the facility's gross revenue is \$24 million.

Ken Kuter said that two Friday's ago there was significant odor and he received several phone calls. Dan Dries said that the open flare was managing the gas that was being produced but weather conditions may have contributed. Jeff Richardson described that the new blower that was added to the landfill gas system will supply additional vacuum, allowing the facility to capture more landfill gas.

The Community Relations Report was given by Nicole Fornof. The Waste Management 2016 Sustainability Report was distributed to members. Eric Grimm asked what the purpose of the report was. Nicole Fornof said that the company reports on several key goals and metrics including increasing recyclables managed, decreasing fleet emissions, and increasing acreage conserved for wildlife habitat.

Committee Reports

Budget-Cindy Jessop said that the CAB budget is included in the Town's budget.

Environmental Monitoring-Mark McAnany was not present.

Safety-Mark McAnany was not present.

Property Protection-Ken Kuter said that there was a transfer of property at 100 O'Brien Road and he did not receive a notification so it must have sold for the market value.

Old Business

Mike Garland reported that Russ Rutkowski will be retiring on February, 24th and read a note from Russ to the Citizen's Advisory Board as he was not able to attend the meeting. His going away party will be on Tuesday, March 7th and invitations will be sent to all CAB members.

Last week, Mill Seat receive the Title V air permit from the NYSDEC. This required a lot of coordination and communication between the EPA and state government. Two permits are already in hand: the state freshwater wetlands permit and state part 360 solid was permit. Monroe County is still waiting for the Army Corp of Engineers wetland permit, which is in review and anticipated within the first quarter.

In 2008, then Supervisor Kuter issued a town-wide survey which opened conversations with WM and Monroe County to discuss a possible expansion of Mill Seat Landfill. Getting the amended and reinstated Revenue Share agreement with the Town of Riga and Bergen entities in place was a major accomplishment in this process. Monroe County underwent the SEQRA process and the Legislature approved Lease #5, all of which needed to happen in advance of receiving expansion permits. The Town will need to provide a conservation easement and WM will transfer property to Monroe County after all expansion permits are received.

Barb Robinson asked why WM is transferring property to Monroe County. Jeff Richardson explained the extent of the property that WM currently owns and that residences were subdivided from larger parcels. The DEC wants all property in the permittee's name, which is Monroe County, so WM will retain the residential parcels and transfer the remainder of property to Monroe County.

Mike Brown asked if WM rents those homes and Jeff explained the various rental agreements. Mike Brown asked if this is WM's intent for the next 30 years and Jeff said yes.

New Business

Peg Steffan asked if anyone is interested in her position with the Citizen's Advisory Board and if so to please let her know.

Community Comments

Al Turcotte asked if Waste Management put in Red Tail Hawks because he's seen them and Dan Dries said no, but there are nesting hawks nearby. Al Turcotte asked what would happen if the EPA went away as President-elect Trump has suggested. Jeff Richardson said that regulation is not going away. If incentives to build power plants return, WM will continue to pursue that. Al Turcotte asked if there are any plans for the future as the landfill expands to build additional power plants. Jeff Richardson explained that there is a window of landfill gas that belongs to Monroe County and then beyond that the gas is shared between WM and Monroe County. When the gas becomes available, WM and Monroe County will pursue technology to utilize landfill gas.

Cindy Jessop asked about remaining airspace. Jeff Richardson said at current run rate, capacity will be exhausted by the end of 2019. WM plans on constructing the first cell of the expansion in 2017, which would make disposal available in 2018.

Peg Steffan adjourned the meeting at 6:42pm.

Next Meeting, 6 pm, Mill Seat Conference Room, Tuesday, 4/18/17