

**Mill Seat Landfill Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting  
October 18, 2016**

**Attendees:** Ginny Adams, Russell Rutkowski, Mike Garland, Ken Kuter, Barbara Robinson, Dan Dries, Mike Brown, Jeff Richardson, Nicole Fornof and guest Al Turcotte.

**Ginny Adams acted as Chairwoman in Peg Steffan's absence. She called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.** No introductions were necessary.

The minutes of the July 19 meeting were approved as written.

**Operation's Report:** given by Jeff Richardson

- the **tonnages** for the quarter were 104,737 (MSW) and 46,065 (BUD) for an average of 1,360 per day (MSW) and 600 (BUD). The leachate discharged to the sewer was 2,629,825 gallons. The landfill gas going to the flare was 2,769,888 scf and to the Power Plant was 299,164,000. Power generated by the plant was 14,117,081 Kwh with the engine hours totaling 17,542. The Power Plant saved 26,313 barrels of oil

- the **tonnages** for the year to date were 317,764 (MSW) and 98,930 (BUD) for an average of 1,613/day (MSW) and 502/day (BUD) (well under the 1945 allowed). The leachate discharged to the sewer was 11,690,065 gallons. The landfill gas sent to the flare was 233,892,106 and to the Power plant was 873,125,000. The Power Plant generated 41,821,323 Kwh and with 52,212 engine hours was able to save 78,318 barrels of oil.

Ken Kuter asked about the cfm coming from the 8 engines and flare. The 8 engines consume 400 cfm and the flare burns 1000 cfm. Jeff said the the goal was not to draw oxygen into the system. Ken Kuter asked if we reduced the vacuum for the flare would it produce problems with odors? The gas peaks at 7000 cfm. Jeff said that 25% of the cfm is pledged to Churchville,. Ken said that there was an odor problem in the Village of Bergen caused by methane gas. Jeff said the big flare needs at least 300-400 cfm to even turn on. Jeff said it was systemic all the time as once in awhile there are not odor calls. The big flare is coming back in September.

- Revenue Sharing – The checks for the Town of Riga (447,900.90) and the Town of Bergen ( 10,473.72) are ready to be sent , but the Bergen Fire Department has received \$7,729.91 and the Byron-Bergen Schools has received \$98,992.84. The Town of Riga has also been credited with \$89,000 for collection services. So far this year, WM has send out a total of \$1,708,610.69 which is a bit down from last year's total of \$1,763,538. This is a function of volumn. To date over \$46,081,563.68 has gone out in total Communities Benefit.

- **Capital Projects/Equipment** are basically done for this year. Dan did replace a blower on the enclosed flare to increase volume on the well field. Also West side Odor Neutralizer Expansion (1,800 feet)

- **Community Relations** – given by Nicole Fornof

- The Open House this year was held on Thursday, July 28, 2016. Nicole handed out a very informative sheet with stats from the open house. Many wonderful comments were received. Of the 1000 people at the event a majority were from Riga followed by Bergen residents. The interesting thing was the over half the attendees had not attended an open house in previous years. 98% rated the event as excellent or very good. Most people liked the bus tour and seeing other friends from the community there. Some people commented they would like to see the landfill in action – maybe a video could be shown . All in all it was a great day!. Ken Kuter said this helps recycling efforts and why people should recycle. Next one is in 2017.

- WHC – the recertification has been granted for 3 years,

- 2016 events continue to include Churchville Walkabout, Churchville Lions Country Fair, and sponsoring the Churchville concert at the gazebo.

- **Compliance** – 100% compliant

- **Safety** – 1985 days without a lost time injury.

- **Environmental Monitoring** – The third quarter sampling activities of Q3 2016 for the Mill Seat Landfill environmental monitoring program demonstrate that landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of the surrounding area. Q4 2016 sampling underway.

- **NYSDEC Oversight** – Joe Melito on site daily. No issues.

- **Notifications** – none received this period by WM.

Jeff explained that the 8 engines in the plant burn 400 cfm and the flare burns 1000 cfm. You don't want to draw oxygen into the system so they constantly monitor temperature pressure, oxygen levels, etc. and back off the wells if needed. Production peaks at 7000 cfm. Ken Kuter said there was an odor problem in the Village of Bergen and smelled like methane gas. Jeff said the bid flare needed 300-400 cfm to even turn on. It's a systemic problem.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Budget – Brad O'Brocta reported that the \$1000 budget was passed in Riga for 2017.

Environmental Monitoring – no problems

Property Committee – Ken Kuter has nothing new to report

Safety – Mark McAnany was not present so there was no report.

#### **Expansion:** given by Mike Garland

The NYSDEC Freshwater Wetlands – under Article 24 and Water Quality Certification – Under Section 401 – Clean Water Act were issued on August 19, 2016. Federal permitting continues to progress. The permit has been written and is now being reviewed by the various chiefs through our contact's ranks.

The Solid Waste Permitting was issued by the NYSDEC on August 19, 2016.

The Title V Air Permitting for Landfill expansion was granted a notice of a complete application on September 22, 2016. The NOCA started a public comment period of the draft permit. This allows the EPA another look at the revised permit. Comments are due October 28, 2016.

Currently the DEC is backing off on the Power Plant application. It is not financially viable for a 2<sup>nd</sup> Power Plant at this time. The modifications required for expansion to advance are expansive. All permits will be in place by end of year. Jeff said they are just waiting for all the right indicators.

Mike Garland said there is no physical activity for the expansion yet. The permits are in place – maybe Spring 2017. By December 2017 the hope to have a usable cell up and running. Ken Kuter asked about the current cells. Mike Garland explained there are currently 4 main cells. In 2002 they partnered with the County and ½ the landfill or about 47 acres contains 2 cells. Phase 3 and 4 each contain 3 cells. So there are 8 construction

phases in total. The 4 cells should last until 2019 with the permitted capacity the same. Riga wanted to make sure the expansion was contiguous, the landfill will go no higher, no changes , and the footprint be no more than 120% of original size which would be 118 acres.

**New Business:**

Meeting dates for 2017 will be:

January 17

April 18

July 18

October 17

Mr. Kuter noted that an application for SEQR has been received by the Planning Board in the Town of Riga for Miracle Grow to purchase 76 acres in front of the buildings to do a wholesale mulching , etc. business. So, we may have a new neighbor. Comida owns a total of 145 acres between the landfill and Chili Avenue.

Mr. Turcotte asked if the landfill was open on Saturdays? The landfill is open Saturdays 7-1pm only after a holiday .

**As there was no further business to discuss, Ginny Adams adjourned the meeting at 6:45pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine R. Martz,  
Recording Secretary.