

Mill Seat Landfill Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting

January 19, 2016

Attendees: Peg Steffan, Jeff Richardson, Nicole Fornof, Ginny Adams, John Hartman, Gerard A. Mitrano, Russ Rutkowski, Mike Garland, Ken Kuter, Barbara Robinson, Erik Grimm, Dan Dries, Luann Meyer, Michelle Virts, and Al Turccotte

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 by Peg Steffan.

New Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) members were introduced by Peg – Erik Grimm (Suburban Disposal), Gerry Mitrano (Village of Churchville), and Cindy Jessop. Michelle Virts (Monroe County Associate Engineer for Storm Water and Industrial Waste which includes the ecopark) was a guest. Introductions were made around the table.

The minutes for the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

Operations Report – given by Jeff Richardson for the period October to December 2015.

- The **tonnages for the fourth quarter** of 66 days were 115,682 tons (MSW) and 15,775 tons (BUD) for an average of 1,522 tons/day (MSW) which is still well under the permitted level of 1,945 tons/day and 205 tons/day (BUD) also well under by 583 tons/day, permitted. Question was asked about why the tonnages were down. Jeff Richardson said that over 100,000 tons of MSW are being exported out of Monroe County. While Waste Management of NY LLC (WMNY) charges in the \$30 to \$40's per ton for tipping fees, Ontario County is charging in the teens. They are permitted at 3,000 tons/day. WMNY can't pay for all they do with a tipping fee structure like Casella's in Ontario County. It is unexplainable how they can operate at such reduced tipping fees. The County finalized an agreement with WMNY which guarantees the City of Rochester tonnage will be delivered to the Mill Seat Landfill.

-The leachate discharged to the sewer was approximately 3,488,171 gallons. Landfill gas which burned through the flare was 1,167,468 scf and 271,559,000 scf went through the Power Plant generating 13,545,628 Kwh of energy. The Power Plant engines averaged 16,898 hours for the period. 25,347 barrels of oil were saved.

-The **tonnages for the year** of 2015 were 437,385 tons (MSW) and 123,607 tons (BUD) for an average for the period of 1,529 tons/day (MSW) and 432 tons/day (BUD). The landfill is working at 74% of capacity because of the tonnages going to Ontario County (operated by Casella). The leachate discharged to the sewer was 16,472,823 gallons. Landfill gas burned in the flare was 268,568,216 scf and 1,115,893,000 scf were sent to the Power Plant. 54,067,081 Kwh were generated at the Power Plant with the engines running 67,953 hours per month. Barrels of oil saved were 101,929 for the year. The Power Plant was online 98% of the time even though all six (6) engines were replaced in 2015. Minimal time was lost. The electric sales and energy credits of 9 cents/Kwh net the County approximately \$1 million in a good year after capital and operating expenses.

-**Revenue Sharing** for the fourth quarter was \$443,831.56 to the Town of Riga, \$11,568.24 to the Town of Bergen and \$89,000.00 toward the collection costs in the Town of Riga. Totals for the year were \$2,273,048.59. Over \$44,000,000 has been paid out over the life of the Mill Seat Landfill.

-**Capital Projects for 2015:** Installation of 12 vertical gas collection wells for gas management is complete. The originally permitted 98.6 acre liner system has been built out. Cell 4C gas well tie in has been completed. Also, litter fence improvements for cell 4C are complete. Mr. Kuter asked if there was any construction going on recently because there is some odor present in Bergen during the mornings. Mr. Richardson said they were stripping cover for daily operations. Dan Dries also said some of the slip forms may be too high and WMNY will make sure the seal is better before they lift the forms.

Community Involvement Report – given by Nicole Fornof.

-Mill Seat's **Open House** is scheduled for Thursday, July 28, 2016 from 3-7pm.

-**Scout Day** was held October 12, 2015. Five (5) groups were given educational sessions and landfill tours. In 2016, Scout Day will be held at High Acres Landfill & Recycling Facility.

-**WHC recertification** has been granted for three (3) years. Bluebird boxes continue to be monitored seasonally.

-**Events for 2015:** Churchville Walkabout was June 18, 2015; Churchville Lions Country Fair was August 8 & 9, 2015. WMNY sponsored the Churchville "Concerts at the Gazebo" on July 29, 2015. Churchville-Chili Middle School will have a program on renewable energy in 2016.

Operations Report – continued:

-**Compliance:** Current – no violations – 100% compliant.

-**Safety:** All safety programs utilized daily. OSHA recordable injury free since 6/19/2015 when a worker picking litter off the chain link fence cut his hand on top of the fence post. The tops of the fences have been boxed at the top to prevent this happening again. Mr. Richardson takes pride in their operations record.

-**Environmental Monitoring:** Q4 2015 monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seats Q4 2015 results conclude that "The fourth quarter sampling activities of 2015 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". Q1 2016 sampling underway.

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

-**Notifications:** Two (2) notifications on December 5, 2015 and December 7, 2015 for odors near the landfill on Rt. 490. Dave Muoio arrived on site about 4:00 p.m. and did not find anything wrong with the system. He did turn up the vacuum on the enclosed flare.

-**Other:** As of July 1, 2015, Mill Seat Landfill will be closed on Saturdays except after a major holiday such as New Years, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Committee Reports:

-Budget: Cindy Jessop will be heading this committee.

-Community Relations: Barb Robinson volunteered to chair this committee.

-Environmental Monitoring: Nothing new to report.

-Safety: Nothing new to report.

-Property Protection: Ken Kuter had nothing new to report.

EXPANSION: Given by Mike Garland

-Mr. Garland said momentum is high at this point.

-The Part 360 permit application was deemed complete by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) on January 6, 2016. The announcement was published in the local newspapers.

-The City of Rochester and Monroe County signed a 13 year intermunicipal agreement for the City's solid waste commitment and Monroe County providing full service (brush chipping, composting, eWaste) to the City of Rochester.

-The County has a new mobile tub grinder for brush and wood. It will be used to grind trees that come down within the County. The chips can be used by the municipality, County parks, etc. Mr. Kuter asked if the grinder could be used by individual municipalities? At this point, operations are spread thin, and individual municipalities have had to be declined. Mr. Kuter asked if it could be brought to the Open House in July.

-Mr. Rowe asked about recycling. The City of Rochester takes all trash to the Resource Recovery Facility Transfer Station (RRFTS) on Emerson Street. The County has an award winning composting system. Electronics are prohibited in the landfills. There is a \$35,000/year budget to get rid of the electronics, and the County is working on a new vendor for the disposal of electronics.

-Regarding landfill permitting: The amended Landfill Lease is approved. The Monroe County Legislature and Town approvals are behind us. At this point 2 of the 3 permit applications for the expansion are considered “complete” by NYSDEC.

-State Wetland Permit: A NYSDEC letter was received on October 19, 2015 specific to wetlands requesting a conservation easement be provided on Wetlands RG -5 and RG-7 in addition to the wetland mitigation area. The County agreed to provide this easement with the Town of Riga as the third party that holds the easement. A Notice of Complete Application was issued January 6, 2016. Technical review has now commenced. Discussions continue pertaining to the conservation easement language and the party that holds the easement. NYSDEC and the Army Corp of Engineers proposed wording still coming. State and Federal agencies have their “own timeline”. Mr. Richardson said in the future nobody can touch wetlands without the Town’s permission. He said they want to make it difficult to take wetlands in the future.

-Part 360 Landfill Permit Application: The notice of a Complete Application was issued on January 6, 2016 and was published in the local newspapers. NYSDEC technical review has now commenced.

-A Notice of Incomplete Application for the Title V Air Permitting was issued January 4, 2016. Completion is dependent on decisions related to Power Plant II.

-Mr. Richardson noted that in the whole process of a landfill expansion receiving a “**complete application**” is a “**big thing**”. Monroe County considers this expansion of the landfill one of their top priorities.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Peg Steffan said that there will be a monitoring report for 2015 given at the next meeting in April.

COMMENTS:

-The President of the Monroe County Legislature needs to appoint someone to the CAB Board. Mike Garland is in touch with the County Administration, and they are working on it. In the past, the representative has been the Legislature President. It was suggested that Cheryl Dinolfo be invited to Mill Seat to tour the landfill and the plant.

-Tim Rowe asked a question regarding “biosolids”. Mr. Richardson said “biosolids” were “sludge”.

As there was no further business to discuss, Mrs. Steffan closed the meeting at 6:55pm.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Martz,

CAB Recording Secretary