

**Mill Seat Landfill Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
April 14, 2015**

Attendees: Peg Steffan, Ginny Adams, Barbara Robinson, Mark McAnany, Ken Keuter, John Hartman, Jeff Richardson, Brad O'Brocta, and Time Rowe
Guests: Russell Rutkowski, Luann Meyer, Kevin Voorhees, John Brusa, Nicole Fornof, Anna Marie Barclay

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

No introductions were necessary.

Operations Report – given by Jeff Richardson for the period January- March, 2015

See attached Jan-Mar 2015 CAB Operations Report.

Revenue sharing has been calculated and the Town of Riga is approximately \$350,000 for this quarter. It is typical for first quarter volumes to be low.

For capital projects, the construction of liner in the final cell of the permitted footprint is complete. Every year, new gas wells are constructed and there are 12 well installations planned for 2015.

Community Relations Report- given by Nicole Fornof

See attached operations report.

WM has decided to alternate locations for the annual Open House. This year's event will be July 30th from 3 to 7pm at High Acres. Mill Seat will host the 2016 Open House.

Committee Reports

Budget- Peg reported that the budget has not changed and there is approximately \$1,800 remaining.

Community Relations- The board needs a new community relations person and the County is working on this.

Environmental Monitoring and Safety- Mark had no update.

Property Protection- Ken reported that there's been no activity.

Old Business

Peg reported on the presentation given to the DEC by WM and the County in March. The DEC has been dealing with a variety of controversial topics and there are a lot of people from different departments in the DEC who will be looking at Mill Seat Expansion permitting documents so it was important to set the stage and provide an overview of the history and current operations at Mill Seat. The DEC was glad to have the opportunity to hear from WM, the County and Peg, representing the CAB board. Over 20 representatives from the Army Corp of Engineers, and various DEC departments including storm water, legal, and permitting were present.

New Business

The abandonment of the West portion of O'Brien Road and Brew Road south are part of the soil borrow area project. Brew road has been closed and is awaiting the legal abandonment process. Right now WM is working with the Town to abandon O'Brien Rd. O'Brien Rd will then have a T shaped turn around constructed on the McCormick property. There will be a gate at the end of the turnaround which will allow the McCormick's to have access to their farm lane. At that point there will be a berm and the road

will be physically pulled out, which is a benefit to the wetland mitigation. WM spoke with each resident on O'Brien Rd to determine if they would prefer a circular or T turn around and they preferred the latter because it is less intrusive. WM is working with the Town and McCormick to finalize an agreement and expect to present to the Riga Town Board meeting in May, 2015.

Brew Road is a County road and the County is working through the abandonment process of the south portion of Brew Road.

In 2007, WM bought Jim Maher's property. It is approximately 130 acres, located north of Bovee Road. When WM purchased the property, Jim and his two sons were granted life use of the property. In 2011, WM bought Dick Maher's property, approximately 200 acres located south of Bovee Road, and also offered him life use of the property. After Dick's passing, the house has been rented.

In order to permit Mill Seat's expansion, all property must be in one name. WM and the County determined that WM would subdivide the former Maher properties in order to maintain ownership of the residences. Approximately 22 acres of Jim Maher's property will be subdivided out and WM will maintain ownership. The remaining acreage will be transferred to Monroe County. After subdivision, WM will retain two parcels on former Dick Maher's property, approximately 15 acres total, and will transfer the remainder of the property to Monroe County.

Power Plant Expansion Permit- given by Russell Rutkowski

The County has heard back from the DEC that they want additional time to review the application for Gas Plant II and then the EPA will need 45 days for review.

Mill Seat Expansion Permit Process Update- given by Kevin Voorhees

Barton & Logudice provided a summary on where the County is within the permitting process and the purpose of the Public Hearing. By the end of February 2015, all of the expansion permit applications were submitted to the DEC. Part of that package was the Joint Permit Application which goes to the DEC and Army Corp of Engineers. The purpose of the meeting in March with the DEC, Army Corp, WM, the County, and Peg, was to provide an overview to the agencies of the large amount of permit application documents that were submitted. The consultants have received several questions from the agencies. The DSEIS has been released and the public comment period will end May 1st. The Public Hearing will be this Thursday, April 16th with a 3 hour question and answer session from 4pm to 7pm. It will be the same format as the Public Scoping hearing held in 2013. At 7pm, there will be a stenographer who will record the hearing and comments from the public.

The next step will be to review the comments from the agencies and public and to prepare a written response for each question. This will get folded into the final EIS and the County will then adopt the final EIS. The final step in SEQRA is a statement of findings, which is anticipated to be complete by June, 2015. The regulatory permitting review process, including both the state DEC process and the Corp of Engineers wetland permit process, is ongoing. There is no defined conclusion to this period as the

agencies will continue to ask questions until they are satisfied. Then, the agencies will submit a public notice that their review is finalized.

The County's SWMP is a prerequisite to the permitting process. The DEC needs to state that this plan is approvable before Mill Seat's expansion permit can be granted. The County has already held a comment period and the public hearing process is completed for the SWMP.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm. Next meeting is July 21, 2015 at 6pm.