

Mill Seat Landfill Citizens Advisory Board Meeting
October 17, 2017

Attendees: Ginny Adams, Steve Brew, Tess Donovan, Luann Meyer, Jeff Richardson, Barbara Robinson, Peg Steffan, Erik Grimm, Mike Garland, Mike Brown, Gerard Mitrano, Cindy Jessop, Dan Dries, and Stan Main

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Peg Steffan.

The minutes for the July 18, 2017 meeting were approved.

Operations Report – given by Jeff Richardson

The waste tonnages accepted, leachate generation, and landfill gas production for the third quarter (July, August, September) were reported as show on the Operations Report.

The facility is not open on Saturdays, with the exception of Saturdays after a holiday. A question was asked if the Mill Seat will reopen on Saturdays and Jeff Richardson explained that the facility will only be open as necessary.

In July two engines at the power plant were down. Dan Dries explained that there was flare testing in July. A question was asked about flare testing. Jeff Richardson explained that it is required for compliance with the facility permit. The flare is not running because there is enough gas to run the power plant right now, but not the power plant and flare. This is a phenomenon seen at all facilities due to the extremely wet weather this year.

Revenue Sharing – given by Jeff Richardson- see report

Capital Projects/Equipment for 2017- given by Jeff Richardson

The first cell of the Southern Expansion is located where Brew and O'Brien Roads meet. The amount of rain has led to challenges with soil, clay, and moving water. Construction is behind schedule, but October has been helpful. NYSDEC approval is anticipated for a January 1 start. Dan Dries spoke about two man holes that needed to be moved.

Luann Meyer spoke about wetland construction. Grading is being done this year and approval from agencies should come this year to get seeding done next year. Wetlands construction is a 3 to 5 year project and this is phase 1.

Dan Dries spoke about landfill gas collection rerouting. The operation needed to put in temporary lines, permanent lines and active collection repairs. They also needed to modify the perimeter collection system.

Community Involvement – given by Tess Donovan

A sign will be put up at Bovee Road to answer questions about who, what, when, where and why in regards to the wetland project. On Columbus Day, Mill Seat held Scout Day which was to be attended by 40 scouts from Clarence, Webster, Penfield, Brighton and Pittsford. Due to the rain, three tours were given to 8 scouts and 3 parents. WM participated in the Churchville Country Fair on August 19 and 20th and received very positive feedback. The Open House will be at Mill Seat this year and planning will begin soon.

Compliance & Safety – Jeff Richardson reported that there were no DEC violations. There have been no accidents or injuries and the site has gone 2,350 days without an OSHA recordable. A question was raised if there were any third party safety issues. This does not impact WM’s safety record.

Environmental Monitoring – Quarter 3 monitoring report concludes that sampling activities for Mill Seat demonstrate landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of the surrounding area.

NYSDEC – Dave Kay is now serving both High Acres and Mill Seat; no issues. A question was asked about what the onsite DEC representative does during his 2.5 days on site at Mill Seat. The DEC representative communicates directly with Mill Seat employees and conducts monitoring in relation to the Part 360 Solid Waste regulations. This includes visual inspections, site access, odors, transportation and aesthetics.

Committee Reports

Budget –

Environmental Monitoring and Safety -

Property Protection – Ken Kuter was not present

Community Relations –

New Business

Luann reported that Monroe County is cohosting America Recycles Day with the Rochester Americans on November 15, 2017. The emphasis will be on plastic bags, how to properly recycle them at stores, and reducing consumption through reusable bag use. Reusable bags will be provided to all attendees. Free tickets to the event will be distributed at the Ecopark. Videos are being created to replace the physical tours of the Ecopark and Monroe County Recycling Center and provide education about those facilities.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 6pm, Mill Seat Conference Room.

Hearing no other comments or business, meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.