

Mill Seat Landfill Citizens Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2018

Approved

Attendees: Virginia Adams, Mike Brown, Ken Kuter, Barbara Robinson, Tim Rowe, Cynthia Jessop, Peg Steffan, Steve Brew, Mike Garland, Erik Grimm, Mark McAnany, Gerald Mitrano, Tim Donovan, Luann Meyer, Tina Stevens .

Meeting was called to order at 6PM by Peg Steffan.

Minutes for the July 17, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved with one correction to the upcoming meeting date: October 16.

Landfill Operations Report – Jeff Richardson

Tonnages for the third quarter (July, August and September) – 76 operating days in the quarter, 171,885 tons of MSW and 63,229 tons of BUD/RGC.

Total average tons per day 2,262 MSW and 832 BUD, 27% RGC/BUD ratio. Leachate discharged to sewer was 4,071,631 gallons. Landfill gas sent to the flare was 462,489 scf and gas sent to the power plant was 314,097,000 scf. The Power Plant generated 13,963,699 kwh while using 17,560 engine hours and saving 26,340 barrels of oil. YTD totals are included on the attached operations report.

Revenue Sharing:

See attached report.

Capital Projects / Equipment:

19 new wells have been drilled and are completely installed in filled areas. They are coming on line and need to be tuned. These wells are complimentary to the two other systems already in place.

Steve Brew asked a question about utility rates from the power plant. Jeff said that if the LF gas was "good", the plant could run at 110%, enough to power up to 6,000 homes. The current power contract is with Constellation and rates are currently at an all-time low. Reduced rates are approximately \$40/MWH, and are low due to fracking, gas available and solar.

It is hoped that Cell 5B construction, measuring 6.7 acres, will be finished before winter arrives. A repurposed bulldozer has been acquired and will be put to use.

Wetland Mitigation Phase #2 is completed and Phase #3 is scheduled to begin in 2019. Question was asked about a 4x8 sign outside the wetland area. Jeff said it is in draft form and will be followed up on by Waste Management.

Community Relations:

Tess Donovan has resigned. Waste Management is currently interviewing for the position. MSLF Open House was held on July 26 and Scout Day was held on October 8 at High Acres. Barton and Loguidice is assisting with the WHC recertification process.

Compliance:

Compliance system no issues, no violations, 100% in compliance. Cycle system is up to date. DEC performed a shovel test of cover, and the facility passed. Many non-WM landfills in Region 8 are under increased scrutiny by regulatory agencies.

Safety:

No issues. MSLF has been OSHA lost time injury-free for more than 236 days.

Environmental Monitoring:

Ground water, surface water, sediment, stream, leachate, and air monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seat's Q3 Environmental Monitoring Report concludes that second quarter sampling activities for MSL environmental monitoring program demonstrate that landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of the surrounding area. Q4 field sampling underway and awaiting results.

NYSDEC Oversight:

NYSDEC monitor, David Kay: operational /compliance reports completed – no issues.

Notifications – Q 3:

1. Odor notification from Bovee Road, 7/6/18 at 12 PM. John Pratt called to report odor at his home and wanted to know if this would be an issue over the weekend. No issues were discovered with the gas collection and odor control systems. A horizontal gas line installation was being performed at the time. Message was left explaining that trenches would be covered by 3:30 on the same day and should not be a problem over the weekend.
2. Odor notification from Johnson Road, 8/2/18 at 8:30 AM. Al Turcotte called to report odor at his home. No issues were discovered on the gas collection and odor control systems. During investigation, the wind was blowing at 180 degrees south. It was discovered manure was being spread on Johnson Road North of 33A with a putrid smell.

A complete copy of the Waste Management report is attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

Budget – Cindy Jessop

\$1000 has been allotted for CAB activities in the 2019 Town Budget. This is the same as previous years.

Environmental Monitoring – Mark McAnany: All testing appears good.

Property Protection – Luann Meyer:

Luann has the new list with the reset and will email and include the Town Assessor.

County Update – Mike Garland

Mike Garland cited the successful ewaste collection event held at the ecopark in conjunction with Senator Robach and Sunning on September 23.

Ownership of the MSLF Power Plant will be transferred to Waste Management per an existing agreement. There are no operational changes due to this administrative change. The revenue sharing from the sale of electricity remains the same: gross to WM, net to Monroe County. WM remains responsible for all operational costs for the power plant, and Monroe County continues to hold the permits.

Old Business

Luann Meyer updated the CAB regarding the July discussion on the County's new recycling initiatives. New "Recycle Right" cards were distributed, and it was announced they are available to all residents and have been distributed to Town and Village halls and haulers. A webinar was held for municipalities and haulers to update them on the changes and proposed revisions to the 1992 Recycling Law, scheduled for completion in 2019. A new signage program, designed to encourage correct recycling and minimize contamination, is currently being rolled out in a pilot program with launch scheduled for November. The initiatives also include a Recyclopedia and a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Waste Management has been actively involved with all of these communications, and the County has been working in partnership for the last year on two videos to highlight the Monroe County Recycling Center and the ecopark. The MCRC is currently operating near capacity. Single Stream recycling creates many challenges, and WM and the County have been doing a good job driving down residual rates, which makes a marketable product. Mike Garland spoke about the unique agreement in place between Waste Management and Monroe County, where WM assumes the market trends in recycling. This agreement is in place through 2024.

Cindy Jessop mentioned the NYSAR3 conference in November where the topic is Recycling.

Question was asked about recycling totes: they are provided by the hauler. The City of Rochester has an extensive toter program that has been very successful. The program includes Code Enforcement officials who "police" recycling.

Luann mentioned topics for future meetings, including tours of the Recycling Center and Scott's Miracle Gro.

Clarification on the watersheds: the landfill borders two watersheds, Black Creek and Oatka Creek.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47PM.

NEXT MEETING: January 15, 6PM, Mill Seat Conference Room