

**Mill Seat Landfill Citizens Advisory Board Meeting  
April 16, 2019**

**Attendees:** Ginny Adams, Mike Brown, Tim Donovan, Rick Frappa, Erik Grimm, Cindy Jessop, Ken Kuter, Mark McAnany, Luann Meyer, Gerry Mitrano, David Muoio, Chris Prucha, Barbara Robinson, Vicki Rowland, Beckie Shove, Peg Steffan, Al Turcotte

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairperson Peg Steffan. Introductions of members and guests. David Muoio introduced himself as the Operations Supervisor at Waste Management.

Ginny Adams motioned, seconded by Erik Grimm to approve January 14, 2019, meeting minutes; unanimously approved.

**Operations Report** – given by David Muoio

The Tonnages for the **first quarter** (January, February, March) 117,982 MSW and 45,491 BUD/RGC, for a total average tons per day of 1,552 (MSW) and 599 (BUD). The leachate discharged to the sewer was 9,319,444 gallons. Landfill gas sent to the flare was 80,680 scf and gas sent to the Power Plant was 293,571,140 scf. The Power Plant generated 13,462,753 kwh using 17,179 engine hours (8 engines). 25,769 barrels of oil were saved.

**Revenue Sharing** – Town of Riga \$485,352.30; (total for 2019 \$485,352.30); Town of Riga (collection) \$89,000.00 (total for 2019 \$89,000.00); Town of Bergen \$11,798.23 (total for 2019 \$11,798.23); Totals for the year 2019 – Bergen Fire Department \$8,203.04; Byron-Bergen Schools \$0. Revenue sharing for Town of Riga and Town of Bergen are estimates; a check was mailed to the Bergen Fire Department.

There was discussion about the Leachate Force Main and Gas Flare

**Capital Projects/Equipment** – Cell 5B construction is done; fluff started 1/8/19, ended 3/27/19. Wetland Mitigation Phase 3 south of Bovee Road is ongoing; earthwork started in March and is expected to be completed early summer. Landfill Gas Collection Well Installations – last slip form put in today; not hooked up yet. DEC will be in next week about the permits to begin removal of a portion of O'Brien Road through the swamp. Western Landfill Perimeter Road is being resurfaced. There was discussion about the filling and inspections of Cells 5A and 5B.

**Community Involvement** – Carrie Wheeler-Carmenatty has left Waste Management. Open House at High Acres on July 25; Scout Day at Mill Seat on October 14; Mill Seat has received WHC recertification through December 31, 2020.

**Compliance** – Compliance Management system current; no violations to report; 100% compliant.

**Safety** – Waste Management safety programs including Mission to Zero, Safety Alerts, Rule Book, Drive Cam, NY area safety program, overweight and Safety Training and Documentation utilized daily. Drive cam has been installed on all licensed vehicles. Mill Seat operations have been OSHA lost time injury free for over 418 days.

**Environmental Monitoring** –Quarter 1 2019 – field sampling activities for the Mill Seat Landfill environmental monitoring program demonstrate that landfill operations do not appear to have impacted the water quality of surrounding area. Quarter 2 field sampling is underway.

**NYSDEC** – Operational/compliance reports completed; no issues.

**Notifications** – Quarter 1 – Email received from Ginny Adams April 2, 2019 about gas smell from Mill Seat Landfill. Ginny had received about 6 phone calls since September from Village of Bergen Mayor concerning gas smells. Village residents called Bergen Fire Department because they were concerned about a gas leak in their homes; Fire Dept is worried about the number of calls and the manpower it takes for each call. The dates of the calls are – 1/15, 1/21, 3/28, 3/29 and 9/4 and 9/23. Dave Muoio responded to Mayor Barclay, Fire Chief Garret Dean and Bergen Village Administrator Cortney Gale – these complaints could not be definitely attributed to Mill Seat Landfill. Ginny asked at this meeting if Waste Management could notify the Village and Fire Department if a cell was opened, etc, that could cause a gas smell.

Received notification from a Churchville resident regarding litter along 490 from Riga to Gates and inquired about cleaning it up and how it could be prevented in the future. Dave Muoio emailed that Waste Management is planning on getting out there the week of April 8 and again the late fall. Dave has also reminded the trucking companies the importance of their drivers securely tarping the loads and sweeping out the trailers before they leave the landfill. Waste Management works on 490 from LeRoy to Churchville. At this meeting, Dave added that the spring pick up along 490, between LeRoy and Churchville, began yesterday. Luann Meyer added that the contract with Cascades requires pick-up on 490 between Churchville and Route 386. There was discussion that there seems to be more noticeable garbage on 490 than in the past and the importance of getting out before the mowing season begins.

A copy of the complete Waste Management report is included with these minutes.

### **Committee Reports**

**Budget** – no report

**Environmental Monitoring and Safety** –no report.

**Property Protection** – no report

**Old Business** – no report.

### **New Business**

Chris Prucha from Waste Management and Rick Frappa from GEI Consultants presented the Annual Groundwater Monitoring Summary.

There was a discussion about the new wetlands on Bovee Road and why that area is not currently being monitored. Dave Muoio answered the question about how much higher the landfill can be – 50'. There was discussion about Scotts Miracle Gro– are they monitoring; can they affect the Landfill. Dave Muoio responded that the DEC does monitor Scotts; they have a 360 permit. Chris Prucha also added discussion about the hydrology surrounding the Landfill.

A copy of the PowerPoint is included with these minutes. Peg Steffan thanked both Chris and Rick for their presentation.

### **Community Comments**

Ken Kuter asked Luann Meyer about glass recycling; Luann responded that crushed glass is used at the Landfill.

Mike Brown asked about other components of recycling; Luann responded that everything is being recycled in one way or another – marketed / sold / used to make something new. Mike also asked about plans to start charging deposits for more recyclables; Luann responded there are no plans at this time but that Bills are still being proposed in Albany; she would like to see more glass bottles become deposit items. There was discussion about single stream recycling and the economics of recycling. There was also discussion about the ban of single use plastic bags. Luann handed out a New York State Plastic Bag Ban 2020 Summary.

**Next meeting** Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 6pm, Mill Seat Conference Room.

Hearing no other comments or business, meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted - Victoria L. Rowland, Recording Secretary