

MINUTES

Mill Seat Landfill Citizen Advisory Board

January 16, 2024 6:00pm | Meeting called to order by Peg Steffan

In Attendance

Peg Steffan, Chairperson	Nicole Simonetti, Waste Management Community Relations
Jeff Richardson, Waste Management	Jeff MacMullen, Suburban Disposal
David Muoio, Waste Management	Mark Stowe, Monroe County
Yasmin Guevara, Solid Waste Administrator for Monroe County	Stephen Brew, County Legislator
Michael Garland, Director for Monroe County Department of Environmental Services	Debbie Niedziela
Ken Kuter, Town of Riga	Steve Niedziela
Barbara Robinson, Town of Riga	Ciaran Hanna, Town of Perinton Supervisor
Greg Adams, Town of Riga	Jason Kennedy, Town of Perinton Commissioner of Public Works
Mike Brown, Village of Churchville	Eric Williams, Town of Perinton Assistant to the Commissioner of Public Works
Al Turcotte, Johnson Road Resident	Barbara Zinter, Secretary
Ed Fraser, Johnson Road Resident	

Introduction of Members and Guests

Mr. Richardson introduced guests Ciaran Hanna, Jason Kennedy, and Eric Williams from the Town of Perinton who are here to observe our Board meeting as they may create a similar Board for High Acres Landfill. Mrs. Robinson introduced guests Debbie and Steve Niedziela, her daughter and son-in-law. Going around the room, the remaining attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Peg Steffan asked for any additions or corrections of the October 17, 2023 minutes. There were none. Ken Kuter made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Stowe. All in favor.

Operations Report-Jeff Richardson

Mr. Richardson reviewed the 4th quarter report which covers October through December of 2023. We had a very strong 2nd and 3rd quarter. About 50% of JC Fibers was moved out to High Acres at the end of September/October. We also have that additional 10% to use as road base. We intentionally left about 147 tons short in case of need for reclassification.

There was a question regarding the 4th quarter impact of solid waste. There is a report put together monthly for Monroe County, City of Rochester, Waste Management, plus another four or five other clients that details that information.

There was a question regarding the AOC/BUD/RGC-Tons Total to Date. The renewal permit asked for 30% cover material and 10% road base which the DEC granted. The numbers are aggregated.

There was a question regarding the Town of Irondequoit millings. There was a bid to do the work and a number to get rid of it. Contractors create a pile for zero. It would not go against the permit. The dirty dirt is not hazardous. We charge the customer for disposal, but it can be used for road base.

The leachate is discharged directly to the Monroe County Sewer System. It is a closed loop system.

There was discussion regarding renewable energy and the power generated and its usage. It would be nice if it could create some positive revenue for the County and Waste Management. This led to a question regarding High Acres generating capabilities. According to Mr. Richardson, they are in the same situation here and there. They have to burn it through the flare.

Mr. Richardson reviewed the revenue sharing in the operations report. 10% of gross goes back to the community. What goes out to the community at High Acres is comparable. At one time, High Acres and Mill Seat were competitors.

Review of the Capital Projects. Wetlands Mitigation is in year 4 of 10. Churchville Park Stream Restoration is in year 2 of 10. Currently awarding contracts for cell 7A-1, a 7-acre cell construction for 2024.

Ms. Simonetti discussed community involvement. On April 8th there will be a gathering at the American Legion grounds for the solar eclipse viewing. Mill Seat Landfill will host the Open House this year on July 25th. Rick Frappa from GEI will be at the April 16th CAB meeting with his annual presentation.

There were no compliance issues, no NOV's.

Under Safety programs, we are at 509 days OSHA injury free.

Environmental Monitoring for Q4 is done by a third party. The report concludes that Q4 sampling activities 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.

DEC Oversight, there have been no notifications for the year.

Mill Seat was caught in regulatory paperwork between the DEC and the EPA. Mill Seat tested out of the New Source Performance Standards Program (NSPS) which said samples should be done at three locations. It had been approved by the DEC, but the EPA never commented in 2017. In July of 2020 the EPA was critical of the NSPS not being enforced. They claimed there should be sampling at one site, and it should be an NSPS site. Waste Management entered litigation with the EPA. In the end, they agreed on a go-forward basis, that it will be done on one site. The location at the power plant is the sampling site. Mill Seat has always been run as an NSPS site and the good news is that there is no environmental damage. The case did not go to court, they settled.

Monroe County Update-Michael Garland

Mr. Garland updated the status of the Title V Air Permit renewal with the NYS DEC. The State is expected to request another extension. They have requested a couple already. He discussed the collaboration of the Residential Food Scraps Collection Pilot Project with the Town of Pittsford. The intent of the program is to really learn how it works, the resident's interest and willingness to participate in a food scraps recycling program. It is a whole lot different than the curbside recycling program that we are used to with plastics, metals, cardboard, which have a lot of value, which really drives the recycling program. The program started in September and there are roughly 500 households that are participating. One of the things we have learned so far is that what would be more appropriate for a less urbanized area like Riga would be for homeowners to

be composting at home. They generally have more land; they may have farm or other animals on the property, where composting at home would make more environmental and economic sense. In more urban areas a program like this could be replicated. Ms. Guevara shared some statistics that have been collected as of November 4th. There are 520 people signed up but only 424 active users, with more than 2000 recorded drop offs. We stage toters at the Town Park centrally located in the Town of Pittsford. The Town DPW helps, they monitor the site. Natural Upcycling collects the material and transports it to Noblehurst Farms where it is put through the anaerobic digester and converted to biogas, and they produce electricity from it. Our belief is that it ultimately should be driven by the private sector. This is an attempt to learn how the pilot program works. The County is not looking to mandate this at a residential level. The collection site is very costly and the material itself doesn't offsetting revenues for that cost. We hear from a lot of residents that want it but they may not necessarily want to pay for it. We have a lot more to learn. This will run at least through September. We will do a report and analyze the findings and determine if we extend it or we should just close the report and give guidance to other Counties that may want to something like this. According to Ms. Guevara the biggest challenge is how many toters to stage. We started with five and then increased it to seven. We are currently at nine. If the food waste is not managed properly there can be odors and vermin. There is a desire at the state level to divert organics away from the landfills.

There was discussion regarding the practicality of the program, especially using tax dollars.

Mr. Garland complimented Waste Management on doing an outstanding job on the Churchville Park Stream Restoration Project that was part of the requirement of the landfill expansion. He also shared the sign that has been proposed to be displayed there.

There was discussion of what was done and why it was done that way. It was done as directed by the DEC and Army Corps of Engineers. Waste Management will monitor it for ten years.

Mr. Garland shared the dates for the Household Hazardous Waste collections scheduled for 2024. They can be brought to EcoPark by appointment. Pharmaceutical collection dates will be shared in April. Pharmaceuticals can be brought to EcoPark anytime.

Waste Management installed a new glass screener at the Recycling Center in September. Single-stream glass gets very contaminated with other materials making it less marketable. Its ideal use is for road base mixed with asphalt but it doesn't currently meet the standard specifications for that use.

They are replacing three of the scales at the Transfer Station so there has been some truck traffic with haulers bringing the waste out here.

Mr. Garland has recently done some media interviews on various outlets sharing information on recycling.

Ms. Guevara and her team will be out at Winterfest in Mendon Park on January 27th.

Committee Reports

- Budget-Cindy Jessop is no longer on the Board so it will now be covered by Ken Kuter.
 - No Report. The Budget has been adopted.
- Environmental Monitoring-Mark Stowe
- Safety-Mark Stowe
- Property Protection-Ken Kuter. It will be transitioning to Greg Adams
 - No activity. There are still sales in that area, but like everywhere else they are 100 times more than they should be.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Community Concerns

Mr. Hanna found the meeting very informative and appreciated having been invited. Ms. Steffan let Mr. Hanna know that if they would like more assistance or had more questions that we are happy to help.

Adjournment

Peg Steffan adjourned the meeting at 7:45pm

Next Meetings

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 6pm

Tuesday, July 16, 2024 6pm

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 6pm

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 6pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara J. Zinter

Citizen's Advisory Board Secretary



MILL SEAT LANDFILL & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Meeting Dates:

January 17, 2023
 April 18, 2023
 July 18, 2023
 October 17, 2023
 January 16, 2024

CAB OPERATIONS REPORT
 January - December 2023

Month	Days in month (Open)	LANDFILL										RENEWABLE ENERGY					
		MSW / SPW (less WWTP)	WWTP Sludge Tons	Total MSW/SPW /WWTP	AOC/BUD /RGC - Tons	MSW/ SPW/ WWTP Avg tons/day	WWTP Sludge to MSW %	AOC/BUD/RGC - avg tons/day	AOC/BUD/RGC %	Leachate Discharge to Sewer (gallons)	Landfill Gas (mscf-flare)	Power Plant (mscf)	Power Plant Kwh generated	Power Plant Engine Hours per Month (8-Engines)	Barrels of Oil Saved		
January	26	44,950	3,304	48,254	10,638	1,856	7.4%	409	22.0%	3,613,709	49,418	104,305	4,762,150	5,898	8,847		
February	24	37,972	3,016	40,988	10,975	1,708	7.9%	457	26.8%	3,650,496	40,060	96,431	4,376,422	5,364	8,046		
March	27	47,608	3,538	51,146	15,001	1,894	7.4%	556	29.3%	4,777,254	52,570	104,022	4,751,282	5,923	8,985		
Q1 Totals	77	130,530	9,859	140,389	36,615	1,823	7.6%	476	26.1%	12,041,459	142,048	304,758	13,889,854	17,185	25,778		
April	25	48,690	3,126	51,816	14,996	2,073	6.4%	600	28.9%	5,521,211	55,417	97,285	4,369,274	5,690	8,535		
May	26	54,633	3,681	58,314	38,507	2,243	6.7%	1,481	66.0%	2,368,096	59,663	102,760	4,553,845	5,879	8,819		
June	26	55,575	3,642	59,217	34,652	2,278	6.6%	1,333	58.5%	1,778,610	58,635	101,670	4,339,855	5,641	8,462		
Q2 Totals	77	158,899	10,449	169,348	88,155	2,199	6.6%	1,145	52.1%	9,667,917	173,715	301,715	13,262,974	17,210	25,815		
July	25	49,253	3,250	52,503	31,018	2,100	6.6%	1,241	59.1%	1,619,468	7,452	111,079	4,699,711	5,910	8,865		
August	27	54,648	3,778	58,426	33,796	2,164	6.9%	1,252	57.8%	1,250,323	63,390	99,114	4,804,456	5,948	8,922		
September	25	46,540	3,128	49,668	21,771	1,987	6.7%	871	43.8%	1,090,361	65,476	106,105	4,580,615	5,723	8,585		
Q3 Totals	77	150,441	10,156	160,597	86,584	2,086	6.8%	1,124	53.9%	3,960,152	136,317	316,298	14,084,782	17,581	26,372		
October	26	43,170	4,198	47,368	18,511	1,822	9.7%	712	39.1%	1,076,872	65,510	108,073	4,650,724	5,913	8,870		
November	25	36,985	3,329	40,314	6,753	1,613	9.0%	270	16.8%	1,007,811	61,164	104,327	4,507,621	5,720	8,580		
December	25	35,704	3,249	38,952	1,698	1,558	9.1%	68	4.4%	1,216,871	62,856	106,338	4,647,695	5,911	8,867		
Q4 Totals	76	115,858	10,776	126,634	26,961	1,666	9.3%	355	21.3%	3,301,554	189,531	318,738	13,806,040	17,544	26,316		
Total to Date	307	555,729	41,240	596,968	238,315	1,945	7.4%	776	39.9%	28,971,082	641,612	1,241,509	55,043,650	69,520	104,280		
DEC Permit Limits	307			597,115	179,135	1,945		584	40.0%								

Benefactor	Benefit 1993-Q1-D	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total 2023	ACRONYMS											
							ADC	AOC	AUF	BUD	C&D	LF	MSW	RGC	SPW	WWTP		
Town of Riga (rev sharing) **	\$44,742,081.74	\$567,085.51	\$738,822.84	\$703,596.21	\$572,033.54	\$2,581,538.10												
Town of Riga (collection)	\$6,738,600.00	\$149,400.00	\$149,400.00	\$149,400.00	\$149,400.00	\$597,600.00												
Town of Bergen (rev sharing-est. 2012) **	\$879,971.02	\$14,038.90	\$16,934.78	\$16,041.75	\$12,663.41	\$59,678.84												
Bergen Fire Department	\$204,691.37	\$8,879.25				\$8,879.25												
Byron-Bergen Schools	\$2,306,000.82			\$108,441.12		\$108,441.12												
Water Main Improvements	\$12,100,000.00																	
Property Protection	\$207,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00												
TOTAL COMMUNITIES BENEFIT	\$66,978,494.95	\$739,403.66	\$905,157.62	\$977,479.08	\$734,096.95	\$3,356,137.31												

** Note: A tonnage adjustment was made in reporting data for March 2023 which will result in an adjustment to the Riga contribution payment of \$225.96 (Q1 previously reported as \$657,311.47) and Bergen contribution of \$10.38 (Q2 previously reported as \$16,924.41)

CAPITAL PROJECTS / EQUIPMENT

- January - December 2023
- 1.) Wetlands Mitigation South of Bovee Road (Year 4/10) - 2024 work will include herbicide treatments, seeding, and bare root and live stake plantings
 - 2.) Churchville Park Stream Restoration (Year 2/10). Ongoing wetlands maintenance.
 - 3.) Currently awarding contracts for cell 7A-1 (7ac) construction in 2024.
 - 4.)
 - 5.)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Contact
Open House - Anyone interested in learning more about the Mill Seat Landfill can call Nicole Simonetti at 685-738-0316.
Scout Day - Mill Seat Landfill will host Thursday, July 25th, 2024
WHC - Mill Seat Landfill will host Columbus Day, Monday, October 14th, 2024
Churchville Concert- August '24 tba - WM sponsorship
Chamber Golf- June '24 Churchville Golf Club
Pick up the Parks April '24 tba
Churchville Aug '24 tba 10am-3pm Vendors, Music & Icecream 7-9pm, Fireworks at Dusk
Walkabout
Veterans Day Nov. '24
Luncheon

COMPLIANCE

CYCLE - Compliance management system current. No violations (NOV's), 100% compliant.

SAFETY

Programs - WM 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.

WM-Mill Seat operations have been OSHA lost time injury free for over 509 days

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

- Q1 Groundwater, surface water, sediment, stream, leachate, and air monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seat's Q1 Environmental Monitoring Report concludes that: Q1 sampling activities 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. Completed and No issues.
- Q2 Groundwater, surface water, sediment, stream, leachate, and air monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seat's Q2 Environmental Monitoring Report concludes that: Q2 sampling activities 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. Completed and No issues.
- Q3 Groundwater, 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: Q3 sampling activities 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. Completed and No issues.
- Q4 Groundwater, surface water, sediment, stream, leachate, and air monitoring completed in accordance with the facilities' NYSDEC approved environmental monitoring plan. Mill Seat's Q4 Environmental Monitoring Report concludes that: Q4 sampling activities 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. Completed and No issues.

NYSDEC OVERSIGHT

NYSDEC monitor David Kay and Brian Zielinski
Operational/compliance reports completed. No issues.

NOTIFICATIONS

- Q1 None
Q2 None
Q3 None
Q4 None
Other

Title V Air permit renewal application submitted Q2 2021. Permit is in Albany and CLCPA has been addressed. Additional technical information submitted to the DEC on 8/22/23.



Department of Environmental Services

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Adam J. Bello
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Monroe County Update **MSLF CAB Meeting 01/16/24**

MSLF Permit Update:

- Title V Air Permit with NYSDEC

Monroe County Solid Waste Division:

- Collaborating with the Town of Pittsford on a Residential Food Scraps Collection Pilot Project. (Yasmin)
- Churchville Park Stream Restoration & Riparian Buffer Enhancement Sign (Draft)

Ecopark:

- 2024 HHW Collection Event Calendar:
 - T - Chili: April 27th, 200 Beaver Road.
 - T - Perinton: May 11th, 100 Cobbs Lane.
 - V - Hilton: June 8th, 50 Henry St.
 - T - Penfield: September 14th, 1607 Jackson Road.
 - T - Irondequoit: October 5th, 2629 E. Ridge Road.

MC RC/RRF:

- WM installed a new glass screener in September to improve marketability of MRF glass.
- RRF scale replacement project scheduled for 2024

Education and Outreach:

- Mike Garland's media interviews
- Winterfest at the Mendon Park on January 27, 2024
- Working on scheduling public education and outreach events