

**Ontario County**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**May 25, 2016**

**Committee Members:** *RUSSELL*, Baker, Evangelista, Singer, Venuti, and Wickham

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**Attendees:** Supervisors Russell, Singer, Venuti, Baker, and Wickham

**Staff:** Mary Krause, Brian Young, Tim Jensen, Linda Frasca, Carla Jordan, Regina Connelly, Holly Adams, and Art James

**Consultants/Guests:** Supervisors Vedora, Jerry Leone, Matt East - Casella Waste Management, and Tim Davis - CCE.

**Call to Order:** Chair Russell, called the meeting to order at 3:42 p.m., and declared all members present except for Supervisor Evangelista who was necessarily absent.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chair Russell asked that a single motion be made to approve the minutes of the 5/4/16 EQC meeting.

*Supervisor Wickham made a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Singer to accept the 5/4/2016 minutes presented as correct and final. Motion unanimously carried.*

**2. Solid Waste Management Plan**

A. SWMP 2016 Implementation Strategy Update: Tim Jensen gave a quick update on the SWMP implementation strategies and tasks to be completed, and referencing the report included in the agenda packet. Supervisor Venuti asked where the County stands on potential program for giving grants/money from the success payments to the municipalities for efforts to reduce waste. Mary Krause stated that the Financial Management Committee (FMC) had discussed the matter and based on this and advice from the County Attorney it's been determined that the money can be held until 12/31/16 which allows time for development of a more complete proposal describing how it might to be allocated to fund implementation of the SWMP. Staff is in the process of drafting a proposal to bring back to the appropriate committees. Mr. Jensen stated that at this stage the proposal will serve as the basis for an initial allocation by the Board that would then be followed by a more detailed program budget utilizing the allocated funds.

Ms. Krause shared that Eco Hero program had started and turned the floor over to Regina Connelly. Ms. Connelly stated that first Eco Hero meeting had taken place this past Monday (5/2/16). Casella gave attendees a tour of the MRF and the landfill. Casella also provided flyers and posters on what can/cannot be recycled that will be posted throughout County buildings. Ms. Krause shared that she really likes the logo Casella used. Supervisor Venuti and Singer both stated they would love to get some of the flyers/posters to handout/display throughout their respective Towns. Additional discussion took place with staff and supervisors offering ideas on how to further get the word out to the public.

B. SWMP – 2016 Federation of NY Solid Waste Associations Conference: Regina Connelly – Planner, and Carla Jordan – Sr. Planner attended the 2016 Federation of NY Solid Waste Associations Conference and gave a short presentation on certain items reviewed. (Copy on file with Clerk of the BOS.) Ms. Jordan reported on the Product Stewardship Initiative. In NYS there is a focus on paint and Extended Producer Responsibility. NYS residents purchase 39 million gallons of paint annually and the EPA estimates that 10% of all paint purchases is not

used during the home improvement process which works out to be approximately 3.9 million gallons of paint in the State of New York that annually requires proper disposal. Currently there is a bill before the Senate and Assembly sponsored by Assemblyman Stirpe out of the Syracuse area. The bill was facilitated by the Product Stewardship Institute located in New England, and they facilitate laws nationwide. Ms. Jordan stated it was an excellent bill and recommended that Ontario County adopt a resolution of support. EQC members tasked Ms. Jordan with drafting and distributing the resolution to be reviewed at a special EQC meeting on 6/2/16.

Regina Connelly also gave a presentation about the state of organics disposal in NY.

**Landfill Operations:**

3A. Operations Report – Jerry Leone reported that the new gas flares had been installed last week. They are in the process of connecting the flares this week which will then be tested to ensure they are working properly.

Mr. Leone shared that Casella had three different discussions this week with local farmers on how there may be a potential opportunity for the use of recycled glass in field drainage tile and as an bedding for feeding operations. They have also identified a grant that would allow them to do some research on the matter.

Matt East updated the committee about ongoing construction activities. There had been an issue with dust. A second water truck was brought in to manage the dust.

3B. Vehicle Back-up Alarms – Detailed technical information on the use of white noise back up alarms was included in the agenda packets. Supervisor Vedora stated that this information should have been brought before the committee/BOS before the vote – it may have changed the outcome.

3C. Status of Special Waste Issues – No update.

3D. DEC Inspection Reports – There were no questions from the committee.

**Landfill Permitting:**

4A. Summary of NYS Proposed Revisions to Part 360 Regulations – No update.

**Other Business:**

5A. Amended Resolution – Hiring On-demand Landfill Consultant: ***Motion to amend the proposed resolution as presented made by Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Wickham.***

During discussion Supervisor Venuti asked that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Whereas be revised to accurately reflect that the County entered into a lease with Casella Waste Systems of New England – not Casella Resource Solutions. The Committee agreed that Mr. Jensen will make the correction.

***Motion unanimously carried.***

5B. Privilege of the Floor – Chair Russell offered Privilege of the Floor to all there. Tim Davis – CCE, shared that he had attended in order to be available to answer any household hazardous waste questions arose. He stated that CCE staff had greatly enjoyed helping out with the first HHW event – there were over 600 people that participated.

Ms. Krause quickly shared that the Shred Text Event held in April had been a success. There will be another HHW event held in the fall.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business before the committee, ***at 4:30 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Singer and seconded by Supervisor Baker to adjourn; motion carried unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Frasca  
Sr. Clerk