

***Ontario County***  
**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**November 30, 2016**

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

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**Attendees:** Supervisors Russell, Singer, Venuti, Baker, and Evangelista.

**Staff:** Tom Harvey, Mary Krause, Brian Young, Linda Frasca, Regina Sousa, Tim Jensen, Carla Jordan, Holly Adams,

**Consultants/Guests:** Larry Shilling, Matt East, Josh Thomas – Casella; Steve Healy - CSEA

**Call to Order:** Chair Russell, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., and declared all members present except for Supervisor Wickham who was necessarily absent. Chair Russell welcomed Supervisor Lightfoote to the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Russell requested a motion to approve the November 9, 2016 minutes. *Motion was made by Supervisor Baker and seconded by Supervisor Venuti to accept the minutes as written; motion carried unanimously.*

**Solid Waste Management Plan:**

2A & B. Carla Jordan shared that on 11/16 Planning staff and Barton and Loguidice had held a kickoff meeting to further discuss the Landfill Site Master Plan, and reported that B&L has provided some additional tasks and updated dates which have been included in the implementation schedule. Ms. Jordan stated that staff is recommending that EQC focus on the Household Hazardous Waste Events and the Electronics Waste Event that staff would like to have wrapped up by year end.

Regina Sousa provided a rough schedule for the HHW events as follows: The first event is set to be held on April 22, 2017 at the landfill with Casella to handle the event on their own. Staff is looking at scheduling the second event for early fall. So far staff has looked in the Victor area and the southern part of the county for potential sites for the 2<sup>nd</sup> HHW event. If held in the southern part of the county, potential sites are the South Bristol Highway Garage, Bristol Mountain, Naples School, or the Community Park. If held in the Victor area, potential sites are the Victor facility, the Victor High School, or Victor FLCC. Victor FLCC has two accesses that flow in and out and Victor is a more populated area. Supervisor Baker stated that he liked the Southern tier idea (Bristol) as it gives residents in the area a shot at the whole hazardous waste collection event without having to drive to the other side of the county. Supervisor Singer stated she feels that South Bristol is out of the way and questioned what other areas staff had also looked at - Naples, the southern part of Canandaigua, Stanley, and Gorham. The committee directed staff to look in to possibly holding it at the transfer site or the highway garage in South Bristol. Ms. Jordan will get touch with Supervisor Greene to get something set up in the Bristol area.

Tim Jensen reported that Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) is looking for ideas on how to get the word out to everyone on the upcoming event. CCE staff feels that the full number of people (800) was not reached and wants to get past the 600 people mark. Last event was promoted with flyers, news articles, and word of mouth.

**EWASTE+:** Ms. Jordan shared that BOS had approved the submission of a grant application submission to cover the costs of an EWASTE event to be held in early 2017. Ms. Jordan is requesting the committee's approval of a draft resolution authorizing a contract with EWASTE+

out of Victor, NY. The State has offered to reimburse the County fifty percent (50%) of the costs. ***Motion to approve a contract with EWASTE+ for the cost of services in regards to an ewaste event to be held in Geneva in early 2017 made by Supervisor Baker, seconded by Supervisor Singer. Motion carried.***

Discussion regarding how to market the event arose. CCE is not yet involved with this event as it is not a part of their present contract. Supervisor Singer suggested flyers/posters be put up in Walmart as soon as possible as it is their busy season as far as selling electronics.

Supervisor Evangelista raised the question as to whether or not the event would only be open to Ontario County residents. Remaining committee members feel it should only be open to this County's residents or else we will not get the most out of the taxpayers' dollar being spent.

### **Landfill – Operations and Expansion:**

3A. Authorizing Resolution to Apply for DEC Variance – Liner Seam Welding: Tim Jensen reviewed quickly what the resolution was for and recommended committee approval. ***Motion to approve the resolution to apply for DEC Variance – Liner Seam Welding made by Supervisor Evangelista, seconded by Supervisor Baker. Motion unanimously carried.***

3B. Operations and Expansion Update – Matt East reported the following:

- Introduction of Josh Thomas, Casella's Operations Manager Trainee and shared that Mr. Thomas has been with the company for six (6) months now.
- Construction continues to made headway and there is a very good chance they may be done before the variance is received.

Casella has received several complaints about odors in the past few weeks, and there are odor issues at the landfill. The drill rig was delivered today and they expect to start drilling tomorrow. There will not be immediate results but as they start connecting things it will begin to smell better. The collection is behind due to the fact that the land was stripped and filled with trash over the summer. They had been looking to put wells in sometime in January/February 2017 but now they have to go right in as there are issues. Wells will be connected as drilling is completed and they hope to be done drilling by 12/21. Chair Russell shared that Supervisor Wickham had informed him that he is satisfied with the Casella's five (5) year plan going forward and with what Casella is doing to alleviate the gas odor at this time. Tom Harvey reported that we have Casella's plan and it has been forwarded to SCS for their review. Mr. Harvey shared that staff had requested SCS review the plan in order to make sure everything was as it should be and stated that staff is seeking a motion or general concession of approval from the committee of an additional four thousand dollar increase to SCS's contract to cover the costs of the review.

***Motion to approve the additional cost of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be paid to SCS for their review/input of Casella's Five Year Plan made by Supervisor Singer, seconded by Supervisor Venuti. Motion carried.***

3B. NYSDEC Landfill Inspection Reports were provided for the Committee's information.

### **Other:**

Supervisor Russell thanked Supervisor Venuti for pointing out the "A National Model for Sound Solid Waste Management: The Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority" article he found on the NYSAC website, and stated it was an excellent article and encouraged committee and staff to read it.

Supervisor Baker brought up the Naples composting article that was in the Messenger Post 11/29/16 and stated he felt that is what we need to encourage the community to do. Committee members agreed.

Chair Russell reminded everyone that the next and last 2016 meeting of the EQC is scheduled for December 14, 2016 at 3:30 pm.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business before the committee, *at 4:00 pm a motion was made by Supervisor Evangelista, seconded by Supervisor Baker to adjourn; motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda R. Frasca*  
Senior Clerk

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