

Meeting Minutes
Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership
SWMP Steering Committee

Date: 1/13/09
Loc: 19 George St.
 Green Island, NY

Time: 4:00PM
CHA Project No.: 19283

Steering Committee:

Meghan Ruby—City of Albany	Mark Gleason—City of Watervliet
Frank Zeoli—City of Albany	James Gaughan—Village of Altamont
Dick Forgea—NYDEC Region 4	Bob Griffin—Allied Waste Services
Sean E. Ward—Village of Green Island	David Phaff--CANA
Jim Sano—Councilman 9 th Ward	Sally Cummings—Citizen Representative
Kurt Larson--OGS	Mike O'Brien – City of Albany Common Council
Bill Bruce—City of Albany Local Development Corporation	Mike Kernan--CANA
Gregg Sagendorph – Town of Bethlehem	

Consultants and Others in Attendance:

Frank LaVardera--CHA	Julie Elson
Ken Gallagher--CHA	Brian Nearing
Suzanne Christopher--CHA	Sharon Fisher
Chet Hardin	
Aimee Allaud	Bruce Goodall
Kate Powers	Tim Truscott
Elise Van Allen	Tom Ellis
Ellen McNulty-Ryan—Mayor Green Island	Shawn Morris – Albany Common Council President

Introductions were made by each person in attendance. Bill Bruce explained how the committee was formed. Mayor Jennings asked each municipality to join and become apart of the project.

A series of handouts were distributed along with the meeting agenda and included:

- Goals and Objectives
- Capital Region SWMP Draft Outline
- Meeting Minutes from 11/24/08
- Request for Information (RFI)—this will be sent to each committee member electronically. The members will review and send back their response by January 23rd.

Ken Gallagher discussed the handouts and committee members had several comments and observations. Sally Cummings asked why the planning process would take about a year. Due to SEQR, review of reports and public comment. The process can take that time frame.

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In the discussion on goals and objectives, there was a discussion and consensus that the objectives should include more enforcement of existing recycling requirements. There was also a comment that there could also be more emphasis on material re-use. The issues will be discussed and considered in the Plan.

There was also a discussion about the possibility of expanding the size of the Planning Unit and how this approach might be coordinated and facilitated by the DEC. Also mentioned was the potential for a Solid Waste Authority or Resource Recovery Agency to be established to lead solid waste management efforts. This issue will need to be discussed in more detail in the future.

It was asked that more members be appointed to the committee, for example from SUNY Albany and other large waste generators, or from other private sector waste companies. Bill Bruce indicated when sub committees are formed, bringing in other stakeholders can be considered.

In response to a question from the previous meeting, Ken Gallagher mentioned that he had received information about the waste diversion rates in the Burlington VT area. It was agreed that Ken would forward an electronic copy of this waste diversion report to the members of the Steering Committee.

The Draft Request for Information (RFI) was discussed. It was noted that this RFI would be advertised in an effort solicit interest from the private sector regarding waste handling and disposal options. The Draft RFI was not written to seek a specific technology but rather to have a wide range of responses. Steering Committee members will be sent the documents via email for review and comment.

Several of the public commented on the Rapp Road expansion. Julie Elson commented on a better collection of Hazardous Materials program.

Per Bill Bruce, field trips will be planned for the spring to visit successful solid waste programs, such as Oneida Herkimer Solid Waste Authority.

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Our next meeting will be February 10, 2009, place to be determined.

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