

Meeting Minutes
Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership
SWMP Steering Committee

Date: 7/21/09

Time: 4:00PM

Loc: 200 Henry Johnson Blvd.

CHA Project No.: 19283

Steering Committee:

Kurt Larson—NYSOGS	Bill Bruce--City of Albany
Sally Cummings--Citizen	Mike O'Brien--Albany City Council
Michael Kernan—CANA	Jim Sano--Albany City Council
Gregg Sagendorph--Town of Bethlehem	Resa Dimino--NYSDEC
David Phaff—CANA	

Consultants and Others in Attendance:

Michael Franchini--Albany County DPW	Julie Elson--Citizen
Ken Gallagher—CHA	Joe Cunniff—Albany Community Television
Frank LaVardera—CHA	Tim Truscott-Citizen
Suzanne Christopher—CHA	Richard Conti--Common Council--6 th Ward
Theresa Graff—Citizen	Frank Commisso--Citizen
Sharon Fisher--Town of Bethlehem	

Introductions were made by each person in attendance.

There was acceptance of the last meeting minutes.

Bill Bruce gave a brief explanation of the RFI respondent presentation. A total of 4 respondents have been invited to make a presentation. We had one at the last meeting (Norterra), two at tonight's meeting, and the last one will be at our August meeting.

The first presentation of the evening was from Ecodeco of Lombardy, Italy and was made by Sergio Scotti, Larry Hoffis, Craig Chrispell, Buzzi Pizzocar, Robert Antonucci, Ann Bassi, Tom Casaregola and Salvatore Cicco. The company was started in 1970. A sample bag was handed out as an example of what the waste looks like after Ecodeco treatment process. Dr. Scotti and Mr. Hoffis made a Power point presentation, a copy of which will be posted to the website www.capitalregionlandfill.com.

Sally Cummings asked about the combustion process residue once the material is used as a fuel by cement companies, what happens to it? Mr Hoffis answered that the residue is placed back in as a product and turned into cement. Sally also asked if the facility could take sewage sludge and the response was no. Frank LaVardera asked Mr. Hoffis if the

cement plant's air permits have special conditions to allow for the combustion of the processed refuse fuel and Mr. Hoffis replied that they do. Bill Bruce asked about the BTU value of the processed refuse and Mr Hoffis responded that it was typically around 6,500 BTUs/per pound. Bill also asked about the revenue value of the fuel and Mr. Hoffis responded that this depends on the freight fee. Tom Truscott asked how the process waste is transported to the cement kiln and Mr. Hoffis responded that this is usually done by trailer, in a 25 ton load, although it could also be transported by rail. .

The second RFI presentation was made by Covanta Energy, represented by Meg Morris, John Phillips & Dan Dorlon III. They have 38 operating facilities in the US, and process 15 million of tons of waste per year. Ms. Morris and Mr. Phillips made a Power point presentation, a copy of which will be posted to the website.

Sally Cummings asked about the residue from the air pollution control system and where they go. Mr. Phillips noted that these residues are mixed with the bottom ash, and is then disposed of with the bottom ash typically in a landfill. The combined ash is routinely tested for toxicity prior to disposal. Sally also asked if Covanta's facilities accept and process sewage sludge, and Mr. Phillips responded that they can and do process sewage sludge at some of their facilities. Frank LaVardera asked how important is it that flow control be in place in the municipality where the facility is developed. Mr. Phillips responded that flow control was less important now than it had been in the past. Ken Gallagher asked what arrangements are typically made with the sponsoring communities to share the revenue derived from energy sales. Mr. Phillips noted that this is usually done one of two ways. One way is to provide the sponsoring community with a large share (like 90%) of the energy revenue. The other way involves no sharing of energy revenue, but provides a long term contractual commitment on the tipping fee.

Under old business Mike Kernan asked if, the power point presentation was given from Norterra. Ken Gallagher indicated that we have talked with Tom Bourne and he is working on getting it to us.

Under new business Sally Cumming talked about a presentation at the Save the Pinebush dinner that she went to, where the designer of the Delaware County composting facility, Jeff Heath from Sterns and Wheeler made a presentation and showed a finished compost product. Bill Bruce noted that Ken Gallagher had previously presented a summary of this facility to the Committee. Based on that facility's Annual Report to the NYSDEC, there is a significant quantity of residue from that facility that goes to the landfill. Bill also noted that he would like to set up a site visit to this facility, and asked Ken Gallagher to see if something could be arranged.

Bill Bruce indicated that Mayor Jennings would be contacting the executives in the 4 county Capital District to set up a meeting to discuss interest in the formation of a regional solid waste management authority. Bill also indicated that CHA would be developing 3 or 4 alternative scenarios for the committee to discuss and get us to the next level. Bill Bruce Also noted that the Mayor has sent out letters to Colleges, Nursing

Homes, and other large institutional generators to establish a sub-committee to discuss organics waste management.

August 18th will be our next meeting at 200 Henry Hudson Blvd.

There was no public comments.