

Meeting Minutes
Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership
SWMP Steering Committee

Date: 8/18/09

Time: 4:00PM

Loc: 200 Henry Johnson Blvd.

CHA Project No.: 19283

Steering Committee:

Frank Zeoli --City of Albany/ PURC	Dick Forgea--DEC Region 4
Michael Kernan--CANA	David Phaff--CANA
Tom Reynolds--NYSDEC	Sally Cummings--Citizen
Bob Griffin--Allied Waste	Bill Bruce--City of Albany
Kurt Larson--NYSOGS	Michael O'Brien--Albany County
Sean Ward--Village of Green Island	Resa Dimino--NYSDEC

Consultants and Others in Attendance:

Ken Gallagher—CHA	Sharon Fisher--Town of Bethlehem
Frank LaVardera—CHA	Jeanne Joyce—Citizen
Suzanne Christopher—CHA	Dominick Calsolon—Common Council
Michael Franchini--Albany County	Richard Conti--Albany County
Tom Ellis—Citizen	Aimee Allaud—Citizen
Theresa Grafflin—Citizen	Barbara Smith--Albany County
Carolyn McLaughlin—Albany Common Council	Meghan Ruby—City of Albany
Jeff Edward—Schenectady County	Joe Cunniff--ACT
Joe Giebelhaus--City of Albany	

Introductions were made by each person in attendance.

There was acceptance of the last meeting minutes. Bob Griffin & Dave Phaff complimented the web site <http://www.capitalregionlandfill.com/management/> and how it is kept up with the information from our meetings.

We had our fourth respondent, Nature's Fuel, give a presentation. Glenn Johnson and Bill Sinish explained that they are a US owned and operated company since 2005. They will be providing their hand out so it can be placed on our web site . Some questions asked included: Bill Bruce asked if their plants were up and running. Glenn Johnson said the facility planned for the Huntington Landfill is not yet operating but that the Atwood, Indiana plant is in operation for about 18 months. Bill Bruce asked what their tipping fee is. Glenn indicated that there is no tipping fee at Atwood and the anticipated fee at Huntington will be \$20/ton. Sean Ward asked what kind of power is produced. Glenn indicated that, for a plant here, he anticipates that biogas would be used to fire internal

combustion engines. He expected a facility processing 500,000 TPY to generate about 50 MW. Michael Franchini and Kurt Larsen asked about air emissions data. Glenn indicated that they would supply the air emissions data they had from the MSW test at Atwood so that it could be posted to the website. It was also noted that the emission limits from the air permit that is anticipated to be issued in connection with the Huntington facility could be supplied to us when it becomes available. Michael also asked if they use multiple stream recycling or single stream. Glenn indicated a preference for multi stream. Frank LaVardera asked for clarification regarding the feedstock at the operating facility in Atwood. Glenn indicated that Atwood primarily accepts wood waste from recreational vehicle manufactures including particle board, paints and sealants, laminates, and all kinds of wood and adhesives. That facility operates at 55,000 tons per year. Resa Dimino asked if the new facility in Huntington would accept municipal solid waste and Glenn said yes, that facility will accept MSW.

Ken Gallagher discussed the hand out titled "Draft for Discussion w/SWMP Committee Alternative Implementation Scenarios". Ken wanted to know if the scenario structure was missing anything or needed to be corrected in any way. Everyone agreed, but some committee members raised some concerns. Mike asked if the DEC has guidance regarding the size of a solid waste planning unit. Tom Reynolds (DEC) indicated they do not. Bob Griffin indicated that an expanding planning unit and establishment of flow control may meet resistance. Mike Franchini shared that the County's application for a Grant to study a larger regional solid waste planning unit will be re-submitted by the 9/16 deadline, and additional co-sponsoring counties will be sought this time. Jeff Edwards from Schenectady County shared that a facility for construction & demolition debris is needed. Ken Gallagher indicated that construction & demolition debris is only 5% of the solid waste received at the Rapp Road, so perhaps this is an issue in the context of a larger regional planning unit. . Mike Franchini suggested that in evaluating the alternative scenarios that the time to implement an alternative should be considered. . Bill Bruce indicated that the potential for the need of an interim transfer station for a period of time. Resa Dimino mentioned that the SWMP should address all the applicable waste streams, not just MSW.

Under old business, Bill Bruce indicated a reminder that the committee trip to Delaware County MSW Composting Facility has been scheduled for September 2, everyone attending needs to be at CHA at 6:15am. We need to be at the facility by 8:30am.

There was no new business.

Jeanne Joyce from the public discussed a concern that she has regarding recycling in multi unit buildings in Albany and that recycling could be done more effectively. Bill Bruce referred Jeanne to Frank Zeoli and Meghan Ruby for assistance with that issue. Tom Ellis asked about enforcement of recycling in the City of Albany. It was discussed that that is a City issue and should be discussed with the City.

Our next meeting will be at 200 Henry Johnston Blvd on September 22.