

Meeting Minutes
Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership
SWMP Steering Committee

Date: 10/20/09

Time: 4:00PM

Loc: 200 Henry Johnson Blvd.

CHA Project No.: 19283

Steering Committee:

Sally Cummings—Citizen	Frank Zeoli--City of Albany
Kurt Larson—NYSOGS	Michael Kernan--CANA
Mike O'Brien--Albany City Council	Jim Sano--Albany Common Council
Bill Bruce-- SWMP Committee Chair	

Consultants and Others in Attendance:

Michael Franchini--Albany County	Tom Ellis--Citizen
Ken Gallagher—CHA	Stephan Henriquez--Ecostem
Suzanne Christopher—CHA	Joe Cunniff—Albany Community Television
Tom Hickey—Covante Energy	Jeff Edwards—Schenectady County
Aimee Allaud—Citizen	Julie Elson--Citizen
Theresa Graffin—Citizen	

Introductions were made by each person in attendance.

Last months meeting minutes where accepted.

Ken Gallagher gave a hand out and discussed Analysis of the three Alternative Implementation Scenarios. (See Attachment) Mike Kernan asked if you could have flow control with out an authority. Bill Bruce indicated that yes, Ruth Leistensnider discussed this at one of our meetings. Bill Bruce also asked if a diversion rate line could be added to the first page.

Sally Cummings asked if we have done a scenario for just the City of Albany. Mike O'Brien explained that the DEC requires surrounding counties to be included. Mike Kernan would like to see the cost of what we have currently paid, to compare with the three scenarios.

Under old business, Bill Bruce asked Mike Franchini if there was any update on the grant. Mike indicated there is not.

Under new business, Bill Bruce did agree that there is a lot of data to go over, but he wanted to get this to the report to the DEC by early 2010.

Under public comments, Jeff Edwards thought that the USEPA estimates for of avoided greenhouse gas emissions from avoided utility emissions might overstate the avoided emissions in New York. Tom Ellis asked about the regional meeting with the surrounding planning units. Bill Bruce said that the meeting was 3 weeks ago and they had representatives from Albany, Saratoga, Rensselaer counties as well as three representatives from MOSA. The meeting went very well. Tom Ellis also asked if an individual municipality could elect to have composting for yard waste under the alternatives being considered which included SSOW composting. Bill Bruce said it is for a larger facility due to budgeting, but that individual communities would have the flexibility to site their own facilities if they really wanted to.

Michael Kernan noted that the cost estimate for authority administration seems low. Ken Gallagher said it is an estimate that includes labor, fringe benefit as well as allowance for other anticipated expenses, and that there will be a detailed table in the SWMP for this. Julie Elson wanted to reinforce that it would be very helpful to get the cost of our facility now to compare with the future alternatives.

Our next meeting will be December 8th.