

**Meeting Minutes
Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership
SWMP Steering Committee**

Date: 11/24/08

Time: 4:00PM

Loc: 200 Henry Johnson Blvd.
Albany, NY

CHA Project No.: 19283

Steering Committee:

Gregg Sagendorph—Town of Bethlehem	Mark Gleason—City of Watervliet
Jack Cunningham—Town of Bethlehem	James Gaughan—Village of Altamont
Sharon Fisher—Town of Bethlehem	Bob Griffin—Allied Waste Services
Sean E. Ward—Village of Green Island	Frank Zeoli—DGS Albany
Anthony Cesare—Village of Green Island	Sally Cummings—Citizen Representative
Chuck Benninger – Town of Westerlo	Mike O’Brien – City of Albany Common Council
Bill Bruce—City of Albany Local Development Corporation	Mike Kernan--CANA
Tom Reynolds—NYSDEC—Region 4	Joe Giebelhaus—City of Albany

Consultants and Others in Attendance:

Frank LaVardera--CHA	Mayor Gerald Jennings
Ken Gallagher--CHA	Aimee Allaud
Suzanne Christopher--CHA	Lynne Jackson
Shawn Morris—Albany Common Council	Kathy Fahey
Jim Travers	Tom Ellis

Introductions were made by each person in attendance. Mayor Jennings then thanked everyone for coming together for the Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership and stressed the importance of working together to develop a long-term solution for the region’s solid waste management needs.

Committee Chairman Bill Bruce explained Capital Region Solid Waste Management Partnership and the recent modification to the SWMP. Copies of the SWMP Modification were provided for those who needed one.

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

- SWMP Topics and Timeline;
- Key Milestones for New SWMP as per SWMP Modification;
- The Role of the SWMP Steering Committee;
- Overview of Alternatives, Evaluations Criteria, Goals and Objectives; and
- Steps for a successful SWMP

Ken Gallagher discussed the handouts and committee members had several comments and observations. Bill Bruce presented a historical background discussion about solid waste flow control and the U.S. Supreme Court decisions about this issue that effect the implementation of SWMPs.

Sally Cummings mentioned about recycling education in our school systems and she also commented on Burlington VT has a current successful waste program and is reportedly recycling 80% of their waste stream. Ken Gallagher noted that the SWMP Modification includes elements for increasing recycling education in the schools. He will look into Burlington VT matter and report back.

Regarding the role of the steering committee it was also noted that the Committee could break off into a number of subcommittees which could focus on particular topical areas.

Mike Kernan asked about the DEC requirements for the SWMP. CHA agreed to send to committee members a PDF of the sections of the NYCRR Part 360 pertaining to SWMPs along with several other matters of interest to the committee.

Several of the public commented on the Rapp Road expansion. Bill Bruce indicated that there will be another meeting in regards to that project. A few of the public that attended said they should have been doing SWMP years ago, and that we need more recycling methods.