

Cortland County Solid Waste Committee

MINUTES	APRIL 10, 2012	11:00 AM	County Office Building Room 304
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MEETING CALLED	Mr. J. Troy called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.
TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	John Troy, Chairman; Newell Willcox, Vice Chair; Kathie Arnold, Dave Fuller, Anthony Pace, Danny Ross and Gordon Wheelock
ATTENDEES	Don Chambers, Highway Department; Mike Park, Sandy Price, Don Boyden, Dick Bushnell and Susan Briggs, legislators; Eric Mulvihill, WXHC; Martin Murphy, County Administrator; Catherine Wilde, Cortland Standard; Ray Oliver and Mike Barylski
NOT PRESENT	

Discussion Items

NYS Part 360 Regulations

Mr. Troy said the Solid Waste program will lose about \$400,000 in 2012, and that while the program is a community service, that number should be reduced if possible. Mr. Chambers said New York State is reviewing and will be updating the Part 360 Regulations which may have a significant impact on County operations. He distributed a preliminary agenda for a Part 360 Workshop that will provide guidance regarding the potential changes. There will be a public hearing on these changes in October, and implementing changes in June of 2013. Mr. Chambers said the discussion is all speculative until October, at which point the County should become familiar with the proposed regulations and provide comment then. The potential changes include:

1. Active Gas Collection at landfills - Cortland County is one of three landfills in the state with no gas collection system. Mr. Chambers said the County will likely have to comply with this.
2. Radiation Detectors – Mr. Chambers said this could cost as much as \$70,000 on the scales, and \$7,000 for handheld scanners/detectors. There will also be training involved, and any incidents could impact timing and tipping for that hauler at the landfill.
3. Organics Recycling Infrastructure Development – The proposed criteria would require all landfills to provide for organics recycling equal to 10% of their municipal solid waste input within 10 years.
4. Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Drop-off days for the collection of these materials will be mandatory.
5. Custodial Care for Landfills – Minimum verification monitoring, maintenance and financial assurance requirements for post-closure and custodial care will be required.
6. Financial Assurance – Performance Bonds and Insurance will not be acceptable financial assurance mechanisms.
7. Local Planning – The County is required to have a Local Material Management Plan.
8. C&D Debris Issues – will require registration and Construction & Demolition

debris tracking forms for transport of material.

- Mr. Troy asked Ms. Arnold to prepare a questionnaire for haulers regarding operations at the landfill.
- Mr. Fuller said the past local laws and resolutions are confusing and would like a local law to be drafted to incorporate and consolidate all those laws into one. Mr. Troy asked him to speak with Mr. Purser about this.
- Mr. Ross said he would like to know who produces the most solid waste in the County and if it is tipped at the County landfill or taken out of the County. This will allow for discussions to see what it would take to keep that waste here. He said he would like the landfill to be open more than one Saturday per month.
- Mr. Willcox said he would like to have the committee develop a list of short-term goals to improve operations, cut costs and increase revenue. He said the recycling center is not making as much revenue because the market for cardboard is so high that people are keeping it and selling it themselves. Ms. Briggs agreed, and said the short-term goals outlined in the EnSol report should be reviewed.
- Mr. Troy recognized Mr. Barylski, who said the County could postpone budgeting for closure costs and wait until the bond payments are finished, because at this rate the cells will last longer than the bonds.
- Mr. Troy will get tonnage figures for the large haulers at the landfill. He said 10 of the 18 largest waste producers in the County utilize the County landfill.
- Mr. Troy asked Mr. Willcox to work with Mr. Murphy to draft a letter to municipalities, highlighting the challenges we face and attempting to work with them to ensure their use of the County landfill.
- Mr. Willcox said there are nearly 30,000 tires sitting at the landfill, and asked why that is. Mr. Chambers said there has not been enough money in the budget to remove all the tires. He said the budgeted amount is used each year to remove all the tires.

MEETING
ADJOURNED

Mr. Ross made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Fuller. The meeting was adjourned.