

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING  
LAKE PLEASANT, NY  
TUESDAY  
AUGUST 14, 2012**

**2:00 PM**

Present: Brian Towers, Brian Wells, Ermina Pincombe, Rick Wilt

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, Clark Seaman, Tracy Eldridge and Pete Klein, Press

Tracy wanted to discuss the Solid Waste Management Plan. He reported that they are at a junction where they need to make a decision on whether they submit it to DEC or have a public hearing on it.

Brian Towers asked what is the advantage of holding a Public Hearing? Tracy stated at this time he feels we don't need one because he has received zero feedback, good or bad.

Bill stated there is nothing that we are proposing in the plan that we don't already do. The only thing we have talked about doing is creating a County wide local law for recycling.

Tracy stated that we are not required to have a Solid Waste Management Plan because our population is below 50,000, but DEC will require us to have one because we haul our solid waste out. The second part is that we won't be eligible for any grant money for recycling if we don't have a plan. So do we want to send it directly to DEC now for comments?

Tracy explained that we will then need to create a recycling local law County wide, to go with the Solid Waste Management Plan and to go forward with our recycling grant application.

Brian Towers asked if this will supersede any of the recycling laws the towns already have. Tracy stated yes, according to the plan you will have to follow a recycling procedure; if the town chooses to recycle other items that will be completely up to them.

Bill stated we control the waste that comes to the County by virtue of the Transfer Stations. There are small differences in what's recycled and how things are recycled but he doesn't feel there are any that are major issues.

Tracy stated that they don't want to make this a burden on the towns.

Brian Towers stated he feels that all towns should be doing the same recycling.

Tracy stated this is going to make it easier for reporting and tracking. If a town wants to market a recyclable he doesn't have a problem with that as long as he gets the numbers so it can be included in his reporting. If we are taking a recyclable from a town that is costing the County money then we need to get their recyclables that are worth revenue, for example tires.

Bill stated that would be one of the things we would address in the local law on recycling and the County's handling of recyclables.

Tracy stated we have typically let the towns do their own bulk metal. Tires are our biggest cost. Electronics we are getting a few cents on a pound. We are not making a lot of money on plastic

and cardboard. Tracy reported that we are doing better but he is still estimating some tonnages. If we can take some stuff out without a big cost to us he feels that is very smart of us because we don't have the tipping fees.

Tracy reported we have just done a little over 20 tons of electronic recycling; we were at 20 tons for 2011.

Bill stated over all solid waste is pretty stable, it doesn't fluctuate much year to year.

Tracy asked if he should work with Julian to draft up a local law to incorporate the newer stuff and putting in the DEC rules that we have to follow.

Brain asked Tracy what he wanted to do with metal; Tracy stated he would like to keep it as is.

Clark stated they are more than happy to take care of their own, because we looked at what Inlet was doing and realized that it generates revenue.

Tracy asked should metal be in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Brain suggested that they leave it the way it is with the towns handling metal.

Tracy stated that he and Julian will draw up a draft.

Equipment purchase was the next thing Tracy wanted to discuss. Some purchases are for the County to be paid for through the grant and some for the Town of Lake Pleasant who is interested in a recyclable trailer and the Town of Inlet would like to purchase a tandem truck.

Brian asked Tracy to go over how the grant process works. Tracy stated we applied for the grant with a pre-application in 2008. If we purchase now we would probably see funding back to us by the end of this fiscal year, but more likely in 2013. Once we have the number of the amount of all the purchases including the towns, Julian will put the full amount on the application to DEC, which she is working on right now. We will receive .50 cents on every dollar we spend.

Tracy started with the County purchases, mixed paper roll-off containers, seven to be located at the three transfer stations, the Town of Hope, Wells, Long Lake and Inlet expressed interest for mixed paper and catalogs. The next would be a roll-off trailer to replace the roll-off trailer that we already have. Third would be a bailer for the Lake Pleasant transfer station that will crush tin.

Bill asked what about the bailer in Inlet, Tracy feels that we can continue to use the two bailers, they're old but he feels they can wait to be replaced.

The next item is a road tractor; he can prove that it is being used 50% of the time for recyclables so we could get 25% back on it. The recyclable building at the Indian Lake transfer station would be built very similar as Lake Pleasants and that would cut down on having a lot of canisters that are around now.

He would also like to purchase seven roll-off containers that are open top for transporting of recyclables.

His estimated budget is \$224,000; we would see a reimbursement of 50% for a return of \$112,000. The Town of Lake Pleasant equipment \$8,000 with 50% back of \$4,000 and the Town of Inlet \$160,000 with 25% back of \$40,000.

Bill stated we are going to request \$156,000 and they all agreed. Tracy wanted to know if he should proceed. Bill stated if Julian doesn't think it will jeopardize the County's standing and DEC typically approves these and we can provide some benefit back to the towns and that they understand they are going to have to up front the cost then he doesn't see why we don't do this.

Brian stated if the numbers came back from DEC with less than asking for; the County gets first choice.

Tracy's next question was how to fund the equipment. Do we want to fund a little at a time or fund it all at once? Bill stated most of the purchases are things that you want to get fairly quickly. Do you have a time line on the recycling building in Indian Lake? Tracy stated he would like to do that before he buys the canisters. The truck is a priority which has already been bid out and will be coming in 90 days. He also needs a roll-over for Lake Pleasant now; the current one is very iffy.

Bill asked how much is in the solid waste reserve and Tracy stated he thought around \$60,000. Discussion continued on how these purchases could be funded. Tracy stated these purchases will be spread out over the next couple of years.

Tracy asked if he could speak about a highway issue, Tracy spoke with Brian last week regarding this. He would like to propose to replace the guiderails on the Griffin Road, County Rte. 8. It is a lot of rail but it is in bad condition. He also wants to do a road project there next year. Tracy stated that we need to start somewhere and they have not been doing a very good job maintaining them.

There is thirty-seven hundred feet of guiderails on that road. The going price is around \$32.00 per foot bid price for new box rail. Brian asked if he would replace it all with box beam and Tracy stated yes. The reason he brought this up is because it is in bad shape and we need to start looking at replacing all of our guiderails in the County. Do we start pecking at it and funding it somehow? There are areas in the County where we need to install guiderails too, by bridges, where we improve roads.

Brian stated when the State put in the cable guiderail on the Griffin Road that really isn't going to stop someone from going in the ditch, but does it met code, specs? There must have been a reason why they put that type up. Tracy explained cable guiderails verses box beam guiderails. He prefers box beam guiderails, because of plowing and it lasts a long time.

Brian feels that some of that cable guiderail could be repaired. Tracy is not sure if they should spend money and time repairing or is it just as cost effective to replace with new.

Brian asked if he can do the work and Tracy stated that this would have to be contracted out. He estimates that it would cost approximately \$120,000 for box beam guiderail for the Griffin Road. He would like to have this done now.

Bill asked where the money would come from. Tracy stated that is why he is asking, he doesn't know where to get the funding. It was decided that Tracy and Brian will look over the cable guiderail to see if some of it can be repaired by Tracy's crew to help cut down on costs.