

Town of Farmington

1000 County Road 8
Farmington, New York 14425

LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Monday, August 7, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES—FILED WITH TOWN CLERK

The following minutes are written as a summary of the main points that were made and the actions taken at the Town of Farmington Local Solid Waste Management Committee meeting.

Committee Members Present:

- Martin Avila, P.O. Box 412, Victor, N.Y. 14564
- Jane Barry, 78 Gannett Road, Farmington, N.Y. 14425
- Matthew Chaffer, 141 Hunt’s Park Road, Farmington, N.Y. 14425
- Steven Holtz, Town of Farmington Deputy Supervisor and Member of the Town Board
- Peter Ingalsbe, Town of Farmington Supervisor
- James Morse, Town of Farmington Code Enforcement Officer
- David Plante, 1790 Opal Drive, Farmington, N.Y. 14425

Committee Members Excused:

- Kimberly Boyd, BME Associates
- Don Giroux, Town of Farmington Highway Superintendent
- Jamie Kincaid, Town of Farmington Fire Marshal

In Attendance:

- Carla Jordan, Ontario County Local Solid Waste Management Plan Project Coordinator
- Karen Kasprzak, 93 Gannett Road, Farmington, N.Y, 14425
- Joanne Liberti, 80 Gannett Road, Farmington, N.Y. 14425

1. MEETING OPENING

Supervisor Ingalsbe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

He introduced Carla Jordan, Ontario County Associate Planner and Project Coordinator of the Ontario County Local Solid Waste Management Plan.

2. PRESENTATION OF ONTARIO COUNTY LOCAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Ms. Jordan presented the following overview of the Ontario County Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP) (*see* PDF file attachment).

Ms. Jordan discussed the following points:

- The purpose of the LSWMP is to reduce the amount of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) entering the County landfill by 59 percent and the amount of Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste entering the County landfill by 62 percent both by 2023.
- The County contract with Casella Waste Systems—the company which operates the landfill—expires in 2028 at which time no further waste would be accepted at the landfill. Waste haulers would then have fewer landfills available for the disposal. This will create less competition among the operating landfills, higher tipping fees for waste disposal companies, and longer distances to haul the waste, which would result in higher fees for residential and commercial customers.
- The Ontario County Board of Supervisors (Resolution #587-2016) has designated 50 percent of the annual lease payments paid to Ontario County by Casella Waste Systems from 2016 to 2018 to the 18 municipalities in the County to fund local projects to help reach the waste reduction goals.
- Funds have been apportioned to the municipalities based on population as reported on the 2010 U.S. Census. A total of \$966,000 will be available to the 18 municipalities for local projects. The Town of Farmington municipal payments will be \$37,576.85 allocated for 2016, \$28,159.59 allocated for 2017, and \$40,099.23 allocated for 2018 (total of \$105,835.67). The allocations for 2016 and 2017 will be available concurrently. The allocation for 2018 will be available in June 2018.
- The funds will enable the municipalities to develop locally-developed programs to reduce the waste entering the landfill and to encourage recycling and re-use efforts.
- Causewave Community Partners (formerly the Advertising Council of Rochester Inc.) is developing a marketing and information website to promote the LSWMP and to provide a consistent web presence for all the municipalities which elect to participate in the program.
- Funds for the municipalities will not be available after 2018. Each municipality which elects to participate by establishing and implementing local programs must expend the funds by 2018. Funds paid to each municipality must be deposited into a separate account and not comingled with other funds. The Ontario County Plan-

ning Department has the authority to approve and sign contracts with each municipality for the funding of approved initiatives and programs. The Planning Department does not have to wait for a Board of Supervisors meeting cycle to approve local municipal contracts.

- Ms. Jordan will assist municipalities in contract preparation.
- Currently, only about 14 percent of waste is recycled. Ms. Jordan explained that this percentage may be low because reliable reports on the amount of recycled waste are not always available (such as a town's brush pick-up which may be composted and not reported as recycled material, or scrap metal that may be recycled and sold). She said that individual programs must include measurable data such as when the program was conducted, how many residents participated and how much material was recycled.
- An existing Ontario County law that requires recycling is not enforceable and is out of date.

3. **PROJECT CATEGORIES**

Ms. Jordan distributed the 11 LSWMP implementation goals and associated eligible projects for funding. She encouraged the submission of customized municipality-designed programs that meet one or more of the following categories. Cost estimates for the program must be provided at the time that the initiative is submitted for funding approval:

1. **Continue responsible waste management practices. Continued use of land-filling as primary disposal method for all non-recyclable/recoverable waste.**
 - a. Improvements to existing facilities to make them more environmentally sound.
 - b. Study related to the consolidation of municipal transfer station operations (additional funding may be available through State grants and/or manufacturer product stewardship programs).
 - c. Enhance single-stream recycling opportunities within the municipality.
2. **Support yard waste composting efforts. Promote backyard composting through education and training programs.**
 - a. Establishment of municipal yard waste program.
 - b. Educational outreach/mailing on backyard composting.

- 3. Provide Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection opportunities.**
 - a. HHW collection event costs (additional funding may be available through State grants and/or manufacturer product stewardship programs).
 - b. Creation of permanent HHW collection site.
- 4. Enhance Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris recycling.**
 - a. Establishment of C&D recycling opportunities at municipal transfer stations.
 - b. Promote C&D reuse opportunities.
- 5. Encourage product reuse programs.**
 - a. Partnership with reuse businesses.
 - b. Educational outreach on availability of reuse outlets.
 - c. Establishment of residential swap shops.
- 6. Encourage property management of unique wastes (i.e., pharmaceuticals, electronics, medical waste, universal wastes, pesticides).**
 - a. Collection events (additional funding may be available through State grants and/or manufacturer product stewardship programs).
 - b. Creation of permanent collection program.
- 7. Encourage public education and outreach.**
 - a. Distribution of County-generated educational material.
 - b. Participation in educational fairs, development of classroom educational presentations.
- 8. Encourage agricultural plastics recycling program.**
 - a. Utilization and/or expansion of existing inventory of area farms regarding current outlets for agricultural plastics (containers). Provide for/coordinate opportunities for collection (additional funding may be available through State grants and/or manufacturer product stewardship programs).

- 9. Support organics management.**
 - a. Creation of permanent collection program at municipal transfer station.
 - b. Funding for program implemented at municipal offices—permanently take organics out of the waste stream at offices and public parks (i.e., dryers).
- 10. Encourage and monitor pay-as-you-throw (PAYT) programs.**
 - a. Implementation of per item/by weight fee structure at municipal transfer station.
- 11. Roll-over funding.**
 - a. Funding will be rolled over to the following calendar year in order to accumulate sufficient funds for program implementation.

Ms. Jordan said that seven municipalities already have written contracts and that the majority of the municipalities have committees in progress. She said that some municipalities are working together on shared-services initiatives.

Supervisor Ingalsbe discussed larger apartment complexes which may not offer recycling bins for tenants and which may only have a single on-site dumpster. Ms. Jordan suggested that ideas for recycling and re-use programs include initiatives other than traditional transfer stations. Waste which is collected at municipal transfer stations only represents 10 percent of the material that goes to the landfill. The other 90 percent is collected via subscription/local hauler services and hauled to the landfill.

Among projects under consideration in other municipalities are:

- Electronics and organics recycling
- Shared services
- Hiring a consultant to conduct an analysis and survey of existing initiatives
- Backyard composting
- Organics collection at the transfer station
- Mattress recycling

She noted that one municipality is considering cost-sharing with residents to leverage the county funding by charging residents a small fee for recycling materials to encourage their buy-in into the program.

Ms. Jordan also suggested that local boards may wish to require Planning Board applicants to provide a construction demolition recycling plan at the time of site plan approvals.

Ms. Jordan reported that the Village of Victor of the City of Canandaigua are the only municipalities in the County which provide regularly-scheduled trash and waste pickup for their residents as part of their municipal budgets. Residents in the other municipalities pay private waste collecting companies for this service.

She noted that Ontario County would not be conducting an electronics waste event this year. She said that the County assumes that local municipalities would conduct electronic waste events with LSWMP funding. The County will conduct a Hazardous and Household Waste event this year.

4. NOTES FROM SITE VISIT TO MANCHESTER TRANSFER STATION

Supervisor Ingalsbe and Mr. Avila provided the following notes from the recent site visit to the Town of Manchester Transfer Station:

- Roll-off containers: 1 garbage, 1 bulk items, 1 recyclables, 1 metals, 1 tires
- They take at no charge: metals, refrigerators and stoves, brush, SONY electronics
- Looking for a spot to have a compost pile and possibly a regional digester to produce electricity.
- Started in 1975
- Population of 9,474 (per 2010 census)
- Card (rechargeable, minimum \$30, expires after one year)
- \$.14 per pound trash/miscellaneous
- \$.30 per pound electronics (RCR&R, they take SONY product for free, paperwork nightmare, State/DEC/Albany)
- \$4.00 per tire (Seneca Meadows)
- Stoves/refrigerators—no charge; drained at town's cost, scrap metal to Bett's Recyl.)
- Brush—no charge (RAM Robbie Morris—makes pellets)

- Recyclables—mixed/comingled (goes to landfill; who will take care of once landfill closes?)
- 60 percent of transactions are \$3.00 or less
- Will accept any surrounding township residence
- Self-sustaining; pays for new truck if necessary; not a profit maker
- Monday/Wednesday 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Two part-time employees
- Used to do 1–2 trips to landfill per week. Now at one trip every 4–6 weeks. Each load 6–8 ton.
- Compactors cost \$60K for both, plus a few thousand for software.
- Building was already in place; on approximately four acres
- Weslor-built system for town
- Average visitors: 40 to 60 cars on a Saturday
- Went from 114 tons to 188 tons of recyclables and from 142 tons to 97 tons of household garbage in one year.
- DEC and Weights and Measures for inspections
- No hot ashes or oil/paint; will accept batteries up to car size
- Town owns its own roll-off truck
- Will not take tires with rims any longer

5. NEXT STEPS AND ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Ingalsbe has arranged for a site visit to the Victor transfer station to be held on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. For those who cannot attend this site visit, notes will be taken and information about the Victor transfer station will be discussed at the next meeting.

Supervisor Ingalsbe encouraged everyone to begin thinking of ideas for Town of Farmington initiatives and programs to meet the goals of the LSWMP. Send the ideas to him.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the Farmington Town Hall, 1000 County Road 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Following the meeting, Supervisor Ingalsbe secured the building.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Robortella L.S.
Clerk of the Farmington Planning and Zoning Boards

Attachment: PDF file of materials distributed at the meeting.

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