

Town of Seneca Falls Waste Management Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
09/12/16

CALL TO ORDER The Waste Management Advisory Committee (WMAC) held a regular meeting on Sept. 12, 2016 at the Seneca Falls Town Office. Town Supervisor and committee chair Greg Lazzaro called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm. Member Barb Reese recorded the minutes. Minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting have not yet been approved.

Members present: Greg Lazzaro, Dave Clark, Dave Pannucci, and Barb Reese

Member resignation: Karl Elliott resigned from this committee as he and Joanne will be moving at the end of the month. Thank you, Karl, for your service on the WMAC.

Guests: Kyle Black, Matt Blair

WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HANDBOOK Supervisor Lazzaro presented members with a copy of Seneca Falls Town Code Chapter 13 Article VI Waste Management Advisory Committee. He is still planning to put together a handbook for members of this committee by our next meeting.

WMAC FOCUS: RESPONSIBILITIES AND SCOPE Members read through Seneca Falls Town Code Chapter 13 Article VI. Waste Management Advisory Committee with the following discussion points:

- WMAC members should be prepared to discuss Seneca Falls Town Code Chapter 300 Zoning, waste water processing facilities, and any other waste facility, at the next WMAC meeting.
- Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Dean Zettlemyer is responsible for permits, approvals and registrations for the Town of Seneca Falls. WMAC members would like him to attend the next meeting so that he can explain to us what he monitors in terms of waste management facilities for our town.
- WMAC members discussed whether or not our police department could be used for zoning enforcement. Currently, the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer reports violations to the Town Board. WMAC members suggest that having a designated administrator (police chief) in charge of violations may be a more efficient means of responding to code violations. This change may be something our town personnel committee would consider at a future meeting.
- Members of the WMAC must be familiar with the current Host community agreement with Seneca Meadows Landfill in order to monitor and enforce compliance of the agreement.
- WMAC members are responsible for reading and responding to the monthly reports received by the Town of Seneca Falls from Seneca Meadows Landfill. The July 2016 report had 171 complaints that were addressed by the Seneca Meadows odor control program, but with no followup from the town WMAC. It was suggested that the WMAC needs to have a protocol in place for responding to complaints made by local residents regarding the operation of Seneca Meadows Landfill.
- NYSDEC issues permits and also completes 10 – 12 inspections of Seneca Meadows Landfill each month. WMAC members discussed having DEC Region 8 Administrators come to a future WMAC meeting to see if they can help the town monitor air or water around the landfill if necessary.

AGENDA FOR FUTURE WMAC MEETINGS

1. Review and approval of minutes
2. Unfinished Business
3. Report review of Seneca Meadows Landfill monthly reports to Town of Seneca Falls
4. Report from Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer Dean Zettlemyer
5. New Business

MEETING FREQUENCY The WMAC normally meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 4 pm at Town Offices. Barb Reese asked if it was possible for the WMAC to meet more often than once a month so that more progress could be made. Due to work obligations, not all members are able to meet more often. It was decided that meetings will remain monthly, but meet for two hours instead of one.

NEW MEMBER Supervisor Lazzaro will ask Town Board members to appoint Matt Blair to the vacant seat on the WMAC. Matt has attended all meetings of the WMAC and is willing to serve if appointed.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT ALTERNATIVES Matt Blair raised the idea of evolving the landfill into a large scale composting/transfer/waste diversion facility. Matt pointed out the fact that based on what we learned at Cornell University, a properly run composting operation should not generate obnoxious odors. Kyle Black indicated an interest in discussing it.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 6 pm. Next meeting will be Monday, October 24th, 2016 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Seneca Falls Town Office.