

October 16, 2017

Waste Management Advisory Committee

Present:

Barb Reese
Greg Lazzaro
Matt Blair
Dave Pannucci
Dave Clark

Guests:

Jacob Fox
Kyle Black
Dan Babbitt

Matt Blair introduced Jacob Fox, Co-Owner of Organix Green Industries of Seneca Castle, NY. Jacob explained in detail the process of feeding organic waste to worms. This process is called Vermacomposting. Jacob said that there is very low labor involved in the process because the worms do all the work. He said it takes about 5 hours of labor to process 20- 30 tons of waste per week. Jacob stated that he would love to partner with SMI. He stated that landfills today are very high tech. Matt Blair said there is always going to be a need for landfills. He suggested that going forward Kyle Black and Jacob may want to have a conversation about possibly working together. David Clark asked Jacob what they use for a cap on their compost. Jacob said they use leaves and other brown matter which allows the cap to catch any odors. Kyle Black noted that at this point it may be easier to get commercial customers interested in this process due to the fact that they pay for their trash removal as compared to Town residents who do not pay for trash removal at the present time. Jacob agreed that commercial customers are a great place to start. Greg noted there may be a learning curve in the initial stages. Jacob feels the learning curve is minimal. The Advisory Committee thanked Jacob for taking the time to explain worm composting to us.

Meeting ended at 5:30 PM