



Meeting Notes

TREE Community Advisory Committee

Monday, January 23, 2006

Committee Members Attending:

Clifford A. Newton, Rochester State Representative (*Presiding*); *Karen Pollard*, Rochester Economic Development Manger; *John Larochelle*, Rochester Mayor; *Alan Davis*, Waste Management; *Kenn Ortmann*, Rochester Planning Dept.; *George Jenness*, Rochester Business Representative; *Lorie Chase*, Cochecho River Watershed Coalition, *Wally Fournier*, Barrington town Representative.

I. Meeting Notes

The committee approved the "Meeting Notes" of the Community Advisory Committee's previous meeting, noting a correction in the spelling of "Larochelle" for the meeting notes of October 17, 2005.

II. Special Communications

Member Cliff Newton reported, and included for the record, a letter from DES Commissioner Michael P. Nolin dated January 19, 2006. This letter was in response to the committee letter dated January 6, 2006 requesting DES approval of an additional landfill gas flare to further aid in the mitigation of landfill odors.

Commissioner Nolin's letter provided no insight into when the additional flare might be approved.

Cliff Newton noted that he had conferred with Senator Green and that the Senator would "be pleased to assist" in any way he could.

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III. Review of Odor Complaint Log Data

The committee reviewed odor complaints since the last meeting. It was noted that the previous Odor Complaint Logs which were compiled by the DES on a monthly basis, are now being done quarterly.

A math error was noted in the abbreviated report provided by the committee by M. Bodi.

Alan Davis reported that according to the quarterly data just received from the state, the total odor complaints for the following months have been adjusted as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Complaints</u>	<u>Complainants</u>
October	3	3
November	10	5
December	12	3

The committee discussed the possible cause of increased odors. Alan Davis indicated that he believes the slightly elevated odor reports are a result of not having sufficient vacuum on the landfill gas extraction system which underscores the need for the additional flare. He continued that the existing system appears to be adequate when there is a high prevailing weather system but during low weather pressure system days managing the vacuum is much more challenging.

Davis reported to the committee construction would soon begin on approximately 20 new landfill gas extraction wells subject to DES approval. Also, in an effort to better control landfill odors, he noted that the landfill's intermediate cover has been roughly doubled to contain landfill pressure.

Committee member Wally Fournier noted that he had detected landfill odors recently in the area where Green Hill Brook enters the Isinglass River.

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The following represents a review of odor complaints as compiled since January of 2004:

Month	Year	No. of Complaints (1)	No. of Complainants (2)	Odor Description(3)	
				Garbage(4)	Landfill Gas(5)
Jan	04	12	4	0	8
Feb	04	7	6	2	2
Mar	04	6	6	1	2
Apr	04	24	10	0	9
May	04	24	15	1	5
Jun	04	17	9	0	4
Jul	04	21	9	1	6
Aug	04	39	18	7	20
Sep	04	97	44	13	28
Oct	04	51	21	9	26
Nov	04	20	10	2	11
Dec	04	5	4	0	1
Jan	05	2	1	1	1
Feb	05	17	6	3	10
Mar	05	1	1	1	0
Apr	05	3	3	2	1
May	05	7	4	3	4
Jun	05	8	5	7	1
Jul	05	26	12	17	2
Aug	05	30	13	20	5
Sep	05	14	8	8	2
Oct	05	3	3	x	x
Nov	05	10	5	x	x
Dec	05	12	3	x	x
Jan	06	1	1	x	x
Total:		457		98	148
Percent:				40%	60%

IV. DES Review

Alan Davis noted Waste Management is currently discussing issues related to regulatory emission permit levels with the DES. He indicated that confidentiality between the parties prevented his ability to review the details, but said that he wanted to brief the committee, in a very, very general way, about a possible upcoming announcement.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Monday February 20, 2006.