



Meeting Notes

TREE Community Advisory Committee

Monday, July 18, 2005

Committee Members Attending:

Clifford A. Newton, Rochester State Representative; *Karen Pollard*, Economic Development Manager City of Rochester; *Alan Davis*, Waste Management; *Trey Dykstra*, NH Department of Environmental Services; *John Larochelle*, Rochester City; *Kenn Ortmann*, Rochester Planning Dept. Representative, *Wally Fournier*, Barrington Representative.

I. Introduction and Meeting Notes

Cliff Newton introduced Wally Fournier, a new member joining the Community Advisory Committee representing the Town of Barrington.

The committee accepted "Meeting Notes" of the Community Advisory Committee's previous meeting.

II. Review of Odor Complaint Log Data

Fellow member Trey Dykstra, of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), briefed the committee regarding odor complaints since the last meeting. It was reported there were 7 odor complaints from 5 different individuals.

Kenn Ortmann noted that the trend appears to be that there are more "garbage" odors than landfill gas odors.

Alan Davis updated the committee on Waste Management's perspective regarding landfill odors. He noted that the new wells and headers have helped significantly with odors. Over 200 gas wells are now operational at the landfill, and a booster blower, which is expected to go online shortly, will add additional vacuum to facilitate landfill gas extraction.

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The need for additional landfill gas flare capacity was noted. Although the company does have an additional landfill flare on sight, the DES will not permit its use without special permitting.

The problems posed by sludge disposal were discussed. Davis noted that the company is now working to more effectively manage the disposal of sludge to ensure that only a limited amount is placed in the landfill at any one time to ensure that it can be covered as quickly as possible to reduce errant odors. Sludge is tested for Ph and heavy metal content.

It was pointed out that NH communities have a problem with septic disposal in that all communities will now only take septic from their own communities. If a community does not have a waste water treatment facility then septic collected from that community must be disposed of out-of-state.

The following represents a review of odor complaints as compiled by the DES:

Month	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
March-05	1	1	1	0
April -05	3	3	2	1
May - 05	1	1	1	1
June - 05	8	5	7	1
July - 05	7	5	4	1
Total:	368		57	140

III. Rochester Planning Board Meeting Review

The committee discussed Waste Management's July 11, 2005 presentation before the Rochester Planning Board as part of the process to extend the landfill permits from 2012 to 2020 and includes phases 9 to 14.

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Karen Pollard noted that George Jenness spoke on behalf of the committee and outlined the many improvements made in reducing landfill odors.

It was noted that the next Planning Board meeting was scheduled for September 26, 2005.

IV. Meteorological Impact on Landfill Odors

John Larouchelle outlined his review in plotting odors by origin of report. He shared with the committee a map which provided a graphic representation which pinpoint and graphically represent the location of the odor report and its geographical point to the landfill. It would appear that landfill odors primarily travel down river.

It was agreed that John would make a brief but more formal presentation to the committee on this data and its implications at the next meeting.

V. Discussion of Other Issues

It was suggested and agreed that individuals who have complained about odors (those the DES or Waste Management has contact information for) be invited to the next meeting of the committee.

It was agreed that a letter from Cliff Newton would be sent to other communities consistent with the Regional Impact Notification procedure undertaken by the Rochester Planning Board.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday August 15, 2005.