



Meeting Notes

TREE Community Advisory Committee

Monday, March 21, 2005

Committee Members Attending:

Karen Pollard, Economic Development Manager City of Rochester; *Alan Davis*, Waste Management; *John Larochelle*, Rochester City Councilor; *Trey Dykstra*, NH Department of Environmental Services; *George Jenness*, Rochester Business Representative; *Kenn Ortmann*, Rochester Planning Dept. Representative. *Dean Peschel*, Dover City Representative.

I. Meeting Notes

The committee accepted "Meeting Notes" of the Community Advisory Committee's previous meeting with a revision noting that George Jenness was in attendance at the February meeting. The meeting notes for February have been so corrected.

II. Review of Odor Complain 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 noted that from March 1, 2005 through March 15, 2005, there were no odor complaints.

The committee discussed in general the odor complaint report and the progress being made in odor reduction.

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

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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	0	0	0	0
Total:	338		40	129

III. Landfill Construction Activities

Alan Davis up-dated the committee on landfill construction efforts. He noted that portions of TLR 1 would have construction to address issues in portions of this closed landfill. This review will include inspection of header lines and the drilling of new gas extraction wells as may be needed. He indicated that the construction might cause increased odors and would last roughly one month depending on weather conditions.

Members of the committee asked several questions regarding the construction.

IV. Community Communications

Committee member George Jenness suggested that it was important to advise the community, and especially area residents near the landfill, of the new construction activities. The committee agreed that taking a pro-active approach and more fully informing community members of landfill activities, especially those that could impact landfill gas odors, was important.

After further discussion, the committee requested that Waste Management issue a press release regarding the new construction and consider other advertising or direct mail to communicate to residents who live nearby to the landfill.

(Postscript: Waste Management did issue a press release regarding the construction as well as forwarding a letter to local residents)

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V. DES Meeting on Landfill Odors-Kenn Ortmann

Kenn Ortmann briefed the committee on the February 25, 2005 DES meeting on landfill odors with a presentation by Joe Curro of Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM), a national engineering firm with specific expertise in controlling landfill odors.

Kenn noted that based on the presentation by CDM, it would appear that Turnkey is farther ahead than many landfills in the country in terms of effectively managing odor issues. He noted that other communities with landfills experience the odor problems not unlike those at Turnkey and that it appeared that Waste Management was already doing most, if not all, of the Best Management Practices (BMP) utilized to control landfill odors.

Other members who attended the meeting generally concurred with Kenn, and the committee briefly discussed other aspects of the presentation that all in attendance believed was helpful. Noteworthy, was the fact that CDM did indicate that the number of actual complaints a landfill receives is one of the ways they do measure progress. Despite the fact that some people might not call because they become "adjusted" or "use to" certain odors, it was also noted in the meeting that some individuals in a community might develop a higher tolerance for certain odors so that they do not become a quality of life issue for them. In any case, maintaining an odor log does seem to be an effective measurement and management tool with respect to landfill odors.

VI. Public Meeting

As a follow-up to the discussion regarding a public meeting last month, the committee agreed on the date of Wednesday April 20, 2005. The meeting will be held at the Gonic Elementary School.

Committee members noted the importance of communicating the meeting and it was agreed that the meeting should be publicized in the newspaper, on cable television, among surrounding towns and by mail. Mark Bodi was instructed to develop a communications effort to do so and to make the necessary arrangements at the Gonic School. It was also agreed that handout materials would be provided to public attendees.

VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 for purposes of the public meeting at the Gonic School.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the committee will be May 16, 2005.