



## Meeting Notes

### TREE Community Advisory Committee

Monday, May 16, 2005

Committee Members Attending:

*Clifford A. Newton*, Rochester State Representative; *Karen Pollard*, Economic Development Manager City of Rochester; *Lorie Chase*, Cochecho River Watershed Coalition; *Alan Davis*, Waste Management; *John Larochelle*, Rochester City Councilor; *Trey Dykstra*, NH Department of Environmental Services; *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.

#### 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. As was reported at the previous meeting, the level of odor complaints continues to trend downward.

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	1	1	1	0
April -05	3	3	2	1
May - 05	1	1	1	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>347</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>135</b>

III. April 20, 2005 Public Meeting Up-date

Karen Pollard and Kenn Ortmann updated (for those members not in attendance) the results of the public meeting held on April 20, 2005.

It was noted they reported that the overall “tone” of the meeting was much more positive than expected and that the “consensus was that things were better (regarding landfill odors).”

Although the meeting was not highly attended, it was noted that virtually all of those in attendance who spoke commented that the landfill odors had improved. Some residents, however, expressed caution pointing out that the summer months are typically the most offensive for odors.

IV. Community Communications

Mark Bodi reported on the communications utilized in notifying residents of the public meeting. He emphasized that three articles appeared in the local press regarding the public meeting including one of which was on the front page. Additionally, there was extensive publicity on the local cable show as well as the wide distribution of a press release.

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Importantly, he noted that the letter forwarded to 700 local residents was not forwarded principally regarding the public meeting but was to advise residents near the landfill of new construction although the letter did contain information regarding the public meeting. Bodi pointed out that while some individuals living near the landfill may not have received the letter sent by Waste Management, there were 700 households within very close proximity of the landfill that did. Bodi stated that in his view any characterization that notification of the public meeting was inadequate was simply not accurate.

*(A review of previous meeting notes specifically outlines the committee's discussion regarding its request of Waste Management to issue a press release and consider other forms of communication to residents living near the landfill.)*

### V. Discussion of Other Issues

The committee briefly discussed other potential areas of review.

### VI. Next Meeting

The committee considered, given the reduction of odor complaints, the necessity of meeting again in June. It was agreed that given the concerns regarding warmer weather and its potential to negatively impact odors that the ongoing meeting schedule should continue at least through the summer.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on Monday June 16, 2005.