

Frederick County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Minutes from Virtual Meeting
7 July 2021

Participants. SWAC Members: Peter Blood, Deborah Moran, Phil LeBlanc, Katherine Esposito, Pat Miglio, Jack Fritz, John Kinnaird. **DSWR:** Phil Harris, Stephanie Peters

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Vice Chair Peter Blood, who chaired the meeting in absence of regular Chair Zach Fleagle.

Selection of Recorder of the Minutes

Peter Blood volunteered to take minutes.

Minutes Approval

A motion was made, seconded and approved for the 2 June 2021 minutes as drafted by Deborah Moran.

Solid Waste Management Plan proposed revision

DSWR continued to present their proposed changes to the SWMP, picking up where they had left off has month at Chapter 4. Changes were reviewed and approved chapter by chapter. Most proposed changes were editorial. More time was spent reviewing proposed changed that were substantive.

Changes to Chapter 4 were reviewed. A motion to remove table 4-5 was made by Mayor Kinnaird, seconded by Katherine and approved by the members present. There was a noteworthy discussion regarding the 30-year capacity of the county landfill. Presently, about 90% of county waste is sent to Chambersburg, PA. If the county were to lose access had to dispose of 100% of its waste at the county landfill, the landfill would reach capacity in approximately six years. This scenario would be a serious issue for the county since siting a new landfill would take many years. John Kinnaird moved to approve the proposed changes to the chapter. Katherine Esposito seconded the motion. All present approved.

Changes to Chapter 5 were then reviewed. Katherine Esposito moved to approve the proposed changes to the chapter. John Kinnaird seconded the motion. All present approved.

Lastly, proposed changes to the appendices were reviewed. John Kinnaird moved to approve the proposed changes to the appendices. Peter Blood seconded the motion. All present approved.

Division Update

Phil Harris briefed the committee on the residential Household Hazardous Waste collection event held 12 Jun 2021 at the Harry Grove Stadium parking lot from 8am to 2pm. The event was very successful and attracted nearly 1000 residents, a record number of participants. It was postulated that the high turnout might be in part due to pent up demand given that the April 2020 HHW event was cancelled due to the pandemic. Phil noted that although the event stopped accepting waste at 2pm, processing the HHW required staff to work until 7:30 pm.

The next HHW event will be held 13 Nov 2021 also at Harry Grove Stadium.

The Division is currently conducting a virtual composting bin sale. For more information, see the divisions web site.

The budget was approved which included four new potential positions for DSWR.

Old/New Business

DSWR surveyed SWAC members regarding their meeting preferences. A clear majority preferred to meet in person rather than virtually. As a result, the August SWAC meeting will be virtual but SWAC will return to in-person meetings beginning in September.

Three SWAC members were reappointed to their positions. Peter Blood and Katherine Esposito will serve until June 30, 2024. Phil LeBlanc will serve until June 30, 2022.

The county signed a contract to conduct a greenhouse gas/climate change plan with WASHCOG and their consultant(s). This will look at many factors such as green energy and repowering County fleet as possibilities. In addition, MDE has proposed new draft regulations regarding gas emissions from landfills that may have substantial impact on Frederick County.

Deborah Moran asked if Frederick County waste shipped to Chambersburg, PA is counted for gas emissions in Frederick County or in the PA jurisdiction. Phil Harris responded "both", as the models look for Frederick County look at actual waste received as well as potential emissions from the permitted capacity.

In response to an inquiry from Phil LeBlanc, Phil Harris said the solar array at the landfill is operating well, although there were some intermittent disruptions in 2020 that reduced output somewhat.

Deborah Moran mentioned that the National Solar Cooperative is August 4.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is 4 Aug 2021.

Adjourn

Peter Blood made a motion to adjourn. John Kinnaird seconded. All were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.