

March 2012 EAC Meeting

Meeting began at 3:02 pm

Members Present: Robert Sweeney, Richard DeSimone, Jim Fickes, Robert Delwiche, Dan West, and Richard Freudenberger. Bill O'Connor, Commissioner Representative was present

Staff Present: Kathy Nash

The meeting minutes of the January, 2012 meeting were approved by the committee without any requested changes. The issue of meeting minutes posted on the Website was discussed; a couple members commented that they did not like to sit through the entire recorded minutes. One member commented that he could not locate the minutes on the site. The committee chairman said that he would follow up on these concerns.

The committee discussed the decision of the BOA to combine the EAP and SWAC committees. They discussed the issue of whether there was any unfinished business with the SWAC that needed to be dealt with.

The committee discussed the issues of concern that was presented to the BOC regarding subcommittees to work on the following 3 issues:

1-Water Quality

2-Erosion

3-SW Recycling

The committee discussed ways to save money for the county. It was discussed that instead of breaking into sub committees that it may be best to work on issues as a whole group. Working on clean energy was one of the issues that were discussed to work on as a group.

There was discussion and an approval of three standing committees; SW recycling, Water Quality and Erosion. It was discussed that there was a significant overlap between Water Quality and Erosion. The committee discussed "Berms" and "Bio-fuel".

There was discussion of SW recycling and how it was working. It was expressed that it was working out very well and efficient; however there are some minor issues. There have been some complaints of the issues of the railings at the site that folks have to lean over them in order to get their items into the bins as the bins are not close enough to the wall. It was a concern that both sides of the bins could not be used by patrons; resulting in items piling up on one side of the bins which could limit use of the bins. The issues of recycling only certain items was discussed, that there is not a market for the recycling of a wide variety of items; such as a lot of plastics etc.... The committee discussed when can this be expanded? The separation of items by the patrons was also discussed.

The committee discussed “How was information getting out to the public and in what form?” The committee thought that the use of graphs and charts may be a helpful visual in the progress of projects.

The committee decided to invite Mr. Small to speak at the June 7, 2012 meeting and possibly conducting a “meet and greet” session prior to the 3:00 meeting. However, the committee may need to be more flexible with its meeting time to for this meeting (if the meeting room is available). The meeting date itself may need to change depending in the availability of Mr. Small. If it changes all members will need to be alerted.

New business items for the next meeting would be

- the election of the Vice Chairman
- the restrictions and terms a member can serve on the committee

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm

Minutes Submitted by Kathy Nash, Administrative Assistant to Solid Waste Department