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MEETING Minutes

Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM
2nd-Floor Conference Room, Public Safety Complex
49½ Court Street, Canton, NY
And via ZOOM

1. **Call to Order** Chair called meeting to order 6:05 pm
2. **Land Acknowledgement** Sue read a Land Acknowledgement, provided by Tony David, Director of the SRMT Environment Division, and used with his permission:
3. *“As we meet today, let us first give thanks and acknowledge that the land upon which we are gathered is part of traditional indigenous territories, including the Rotinoshionni (Low-dee-no-SHOO-nee), the People of the Longhouse, also known as the Iroquois Confederacy; and the Kanienkehaka (Ga-nyun-geh-HA-gah), the People of the Land of Flint, also known as the Mohawk Nation.”*
4. **Comments from the Public / Speaker:** There will be no speaker
5. **Roll Call, Determination of Quorum 8 members present 4 absent**
A QUORUM WAS NOT OBTAINED. Meeting will proceed through consensus

Members present: Catherine Bennett, *Secretary*; Herb Bullock; Lucas Hanss; Richard Marshall; Adam Pearson; Sue Rau, *Chair*; Brian Washburn, *Vice-Chair*; Neil Woodworth.
Members absent: Sean Cunningham; Shannon Hurlbut; Lance Rudiger; Legislator Nicole Terminelli, *BOL Liaison (excused)*.
Staff: Jason Pfothenauer, County Planning Director; Samuel Joseph, Planner II;
Guests: Randy Young, DEC Regional Director region 6; Cayce Salvino, SWCD; Emily Bohnet, EMC candidate.

Introductions

6. **Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for New Business, Items for Unfinished Business**
Accepted. No new business
7. **Approval of the Minutes of the May, June, July and August 2023 EMC Meeting**
Cannot approve minutes, did not reach a quorum
8. **Report by Nicole Terminelli, Representative of the Board of Legislators**
9. **Report of the Committees**
 - a. Ag Tour summary by Brian Washburn (see appendix A)

10. Report of the Staff

- a. Landfill visit by Samuel Joseph (see appendix B)
 - i. Discussion on high value recycling material such as cardboard
 - ii. Discussion on transfer stations and how they are unique
 - iii. Comingling versus sorting, Casella, transfer station
 - iv. Discussion on water treatment of leachate

11. Unfinished Business

- a. By-Law Revision discussion
 - i. Did not vote. Went through with thorough discussion and made several more changes. The updates will be incorporated and the material will be sent out by Oct 6th to be voted upon Oct 18th.
- b. EMC Visioning Document discussion and vote (**postponed**)

12. New Business

- a. Recruitment of new members (**postponed**)
 - i. People we know
 - ii. Representatives of an organization
 - iii. Flyers
 - iv. Social media
- b. Sustainability Day/ Green Living Fair
 - i. Lucas mentioned being able to help setup
 - ii. Questions regarding budget
- c. Meeting time (**postponed**)
- d. Goal Creation (**postponed**)

13. Announcements

- a. NYSACC conference Sept 20 (remote) and Sept 21-22 (in person Ithaca, NY)
<https://www.nysacc.net/home>
- b. *The Ants and the Grasshopper* Film and discussion Friday Sept 22 7-9pm UU Church
- c. Household Hazardous Waste collection September 23
- d. Cultivating Climate Justice Oct 13-15 UU Church
- e. Sustainability Day and Green Living Fair Clarkson University
 - i. October 28 Saturday 10 AM – 3pm
 - ii. Keynote 3:30-430

14. Adjournment 8:37 PM