

ONEONTA, NEW YORK – July 10, 2013 - 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

PRESENT:

Chair David Hutchison
Commissioner Joan Fox
Commissioner Richard Denicore
Commissioner Dale Burrington
Commissioner George Palladino
Commissioner Lucille Wiggin
Council Member Larry Malone

ABSENT:

Commissioner Tracy Allen

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES There were no minute of the previous meeting (4/24/2013) available.

PETITIONERS – None

GUESTS: Karen Sullivan, County Planner,
Ed Wesnofski, Otsego County member of MOSA Board and
Linda Rowinski, County Board Representative and Chair of Solid Waste
and Environmental Concerns Committee.

Agenda Item #1: Presentation concerning solid waste options pending the county withdrawal from MOSA

Karen Sullivan presented the board with a PowerPoint outline of basic terminology and historical background and issues (1989- current) related to Otsego County and MOSA. Both Ed Wesnofski and Linda Rowinski provided support and clarification on issues from their perspectives.

Conclusions:

- there seemed to be little distress over the lengthy process of the county's withdrawal from MOSA*
- a major sticking point in completing a dissolution seems to be the assessed value of various properties including the transfer stations in Oneonta and Fly Creek. All agreed this would be worked out or (reluctantly) a suit will be filed.*
- all seemed confident a plan would be developed that will, in all probability, be a public/private resolution.*
- there seemed to be no role the City might take on its own.*

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Agenda Item #2 Sustainability Task Force Report, Oneonta 2030.

Chair Hutchison presented the board with hard copies of the Report. He suggested it might now be appropriate to broaden the target community. Mark Davies, chair of the Task Force, agreed that the issue went well beyond the borders of the city.

There seemed to be general agreement that broader involvement would be appropriate. Council Member Larry Malone suggested an E-mail might be initiated that identified possible organizations and individuals who might be contacted to solicit their involvement at a community meeting to be schedule sometime in the fall, possibly in November.

Commissioner Burrington called for adjournment, seconded by Council Member Malone. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.