

League of Women Voters Mid Hudson Region
Materials Management Committee
Minutes of Meeting August 11, 2015

Present: Kathy OConnor (Chair), Jolanda Jansen (Mid-Hudson League President), Soyal Smalls (Mid-Hudson League Secretary), Cindy Lanzetta, Candis Sunderland (1st time), and Merrill Sunderland.

Review of minutes from July 14, 2015 meeting were tabled until Sept meeting.

Commentator:

Reports from the Solid Waste Management Improvement Commission Meetings and UCCRA meetings should be one paragraph long to be posted in the Commentator.

UCSWMIC:

Jolanda Jansen attended the meeting of UCSWMIC on August 3, held at the UCCRA facilities in Ulster County. We were given a tour of the food composting operation. The food waste is combined with wood chips in a ratio of 1:2 in a pre-mixing bin (concrete pad). The mixture is piled on top of a perforated pipe through which air is blown at regular intervals to aerate the pile. The pile is kept at temperatures of 100-150 degrees Fahrenheit. After some time (sorry didn't get the processing time) the material is screened, wood chips removed and the compost is available for pick up. The facility charges \$20/ton tipping fee. Has a Permit

to receive 500 tons/year (1000 yards). Year to date they have received 350 tons.

Greenway was present at the meeting and presented the case that for haulers it is not profitable to run a truck especially for food waste until there is about 4000 tons/year to collect. The existing facilities are not big enough to receive 4,000 tons/year. However, there is probably 20,000 tons of organic waste in Dutchess and the same in Ulster if we could divert it all.

First goal would be to increase county wide capacity to 10,000 tons.

UCRRA has submitted a grant application to increase the capacity of their composting facility from 500 tons per year to 5,000 tons per year.-Jolanda Jansen

Royal Carting and others at the Aug 3rd UCRRA mtg discussed the fact that there is a significant behavioral change that will be required. Their pilot study achieved a small participation rate, and they would not be able to do it without increasing cost to the City of Beacon.

We've been asked to find locations where organic waste collection has been implemented successfully and to find out what was done to achieve the transition.

Dare Thompson (via Jolanda Jansen): Every town should be serviced by a transfer station. Towns are privatizing.

Delaware County Waste Facility Field Trip:

Jolanda Jansen and Merrill Sunderland attended. Jolanda gave report. This compost site can be used for producing compost suitable for agriculture. Delaware is opposed to taking material from other counties because they don't want to use up their landfill.

Questions to the Committee:

Is the committee willing to find a community who has done curb side collection of organic source separation?

What is the community's process?

What is the community's success rate?

UCRRA Meeting July 22nd

Kathy OConnor attended this meeting and reported that UCRRA had a total of nine signed participants and two more promised, for a total of eleven towns who will participate in UCRAA'S transfer services.

Tim Rose will work up budget figures for the county, based on eleven towns and zero towns. The budget must be presented to the County Executive the morning following UCRRA'S next mtg on August 26th.

End of Mtg: 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 8th, 5:30 p.m. at the Gateway Diner.