

**Antrim County
Solid Waste Facility Siting Committee**

**Minutes
May 31, 2018**

Members Present: Dawn LaVanway, Barb Bradford, Burt Thompson, Kathy Egan, Diane Franckowiak, Dale Holzschu, Linda Franckowiak, Brian Skop

Members Absent: Tom Clement, Pepper Bromelmeier

Others present: Mathew Cooke

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mathew Cooke, Deputy Administrator

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Organizational Meeting

Election of Officers

Chairman:

Dawn LaVanway was nominated for Chairman by Burt Thompson.

Motion by Burt Thompson, seconded by Barb Bradford, to close nominations for Chairman of the Solid Waste and Recycling Council (SWRC) and to cast a unanimous ballot for Dawn LaVanway.

Motion carried - unanimous.

Vice-Chairman:

Burt Thompson was nominated for Vice-Chairman by Dawn LaVanway.

Motion by Dawn LaVanway, seconded by Linda Franckowiak, to close nominations for Vice-Chairman of the SWRC and to cast a unanimous ballot for Burt Thompson.

Motion carried - unanimous.

The remainder of the meeting was chaired by Dawn LaVanway

5. Overview of Site Review Process

Mathew Cooke, Deputy Administrator, went over the site review process from the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. The Committee discussed what the process entailed.

6. Review of American Waste Application

Vicki Garon, American Waste Engineer, went over the history of what led to the lease agreement and application for a transfer station in Warner Township in Antrim County. Ms. Garon gave some of the goals of the transfer station, which included recycling bins on site for public use and how many employees would be working at the transfer station. The Committee discussed the impact of the transfer station. Ms. Garon gave a brief overview of the application.

The Committee made an initial run through of the Minimum Siting Criteria Evaluation Checklist.

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Criteria	Y/N	Notes
A. Site Ownership	Yes	Letter from DEQ removes need for State Ownership
B. Frontage on Appropriate Roads	Yes	
C. Distance from Wetlands	Yes	
D. Distance from Farmland and Open Space Part 361 NREPA Lands	?	Check with local landowners
E. Distance from Designated Historic Sites	?	Mr. Thompson asked to check with SHPO
F. Distance from 100 Year Flood Plains	?	Check with DNR Flood Plains
G. Distance from Designated Wellhead Protection Services	Yes	
H. Distance from Water, Beaches, Utility Easements, Public Right of Way	?	Check with Michigan DEQ
I. Distance from Water Well Serving a Dwelling	?	Check with Health Department
J. Distance from Specified Building Types	Yes	
K. Distance from Land Conservancy Parcels	?	Check with local land conservancies
L. Distance from Schools and Educational Establishments	Yes	
M. Distance from Certain Recreational Facilities	?	There is a snowmobile trail nearby that may be too close to site
N. Distance from MDEQ Natural Features Inventory Lands	Yes	
O. Distance from Specified Types of Natural Resource Lands	?	Check with Jerry Nowak or Pepper Bromelmeier
P. Distance from Certain Additional Recreational Lands	Yes	
Q. Distance from a Licensed Public Use Runway	Yes	
R. Design Incorporates Certain Setback Requirements w/ Signed Setbacks	?	A signed addendum to site plan is needed
S. Analysis Submitted Documenting Availability of Required Public Services	Yes	

T. Signed Statement to Abide by Certain Regulatory Requirements	?	Needs to be signed
U. Written Agreement to Abide by Certain Non-locational Zoning Requirements	?	Need a signed confirmation letter

7. Various Matters

Mr. Cooke thanked all the Committee members for sitting on the Committee to help with the process of the proposed transfer station.

8. Public Comment

None.

June 18th at 1:00 p.m. was noted as the next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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**Antrim County
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**Minutes
June 28, 2018**

Members Present: Dawn LaVanway, Barb Bradford, Burt Thompson, Kathy Egan, Diane Franckowiak, Linda Franckowiak, Brian Skop, Meghan Chase, Pepper Bromelmeier

Members Absent: Dale Holzschu (Ex-Officio member)

Others present: Mathew Cooke

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by Dawn LaVanway, Chair

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Overview of Site Review Process

Vicki Garon with American Waste gave a brief overview of the process and how we arrived at this point for a transfer station.

4. Consideration of American Waste Application

The Committee reviewed the Minimum Standard Siting Criteria (see Attachment A).

Criterion M was the only questionable criterion. Karl Davenport from the Jordan Valley Trails Council, the organization that operates the snowmobile trail, said they had no issue with the transfer station. Because the grant has not yet been secured for the trail, Ms. Garon and Mr. Davenport are working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on this issue. The issue will need to be resolved before the Board of Commissioners can consider the plan to be consistent, but the Commission can make the recommendation contingent on criterion M being fulfilled.

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B. Frontage on Appropriate Roads	Yes	
C. Distance from Wetlands	Yes	
D. Distance from Farmland and Open Space Part 361 NREPA Lands	Yes	
E. Distance from Designated Historic Sites	Yes	
F. Distance from 100 Year Flood Plains	Yes	

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G. Distance from Designated Wellhead Protection Services	Yes	
H. Distance from Water, Beaches, Utility Easements, Public Right of Way	Yes	
I. Distance from Water Well Serving a Dwelling	Yes	Committee asked to cite the information to confirm there is no water well serving a dwelling.
J. Distance from Specified Building Types	Yes	
K. Distance from Land Conservancy Parcels	Yes	
L. Distance from Schools and Educational Establishments	Yes	
M. Distance from Certain Recreational Facilities	Pending	Ms. Garon is working with Jordan Valley Trails Council and the DNR to resolve the snowmobile trail issue.
N. Distance from MDEQ Natural Features Inventory Lands	Yes	
O. Distance from Specified Types of Natural Resource Lands	Yes	Committee asked for this to be revised to be worded better.
P. Distance from Certain Additional Recreational Lands	Yes	
Q. Distance from a Licensed Public Use Runway	Yes	
R. Design Incorporates Certain Setback Requirements w/ Signed Setbacks	Yes	The addendum needs to change the word “with” to “within” under the Fences portion.
S. Analysis Submitted Documenting Availability of Required Public Services	Yes	
T. Signed Statement to Abide by Certain Regulatory Requirements	Yes	
U. Written Agreement to Abide by Certain Non-locational Zoning Requirements	Yes	

Motion by Kathy Egan, seconded by Barb Bradford, to recommend the Board of Commissioner’s find the American Waste Solid Waste Transfer Station application consistent with the Solid Waste Management Plan, contingent upon Criterion M being addressed.

**Yes- Bradford, Bromelmeier, Chase, Egan, D. Franckowiak, L. Franckowiak, LaVanway
No- Skop, Thompson
Motion Carries**

5. Various Matters

The Committee noted a future issue for the County is that the Solid Waste Management Plan would to be amended. Mathew Cooke, Deputy Administrator, noted that there is pending legislation which would increase the tipping fees at landfills. The revenues from those tipping fees would be distributed to counties and could go towards contracting out the amendment and review of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Cooke thanked all the members of this Committee for their assistance in this process. He said that he will send an updated report and, assuming that everything works out, the Committee will not need to meet again. The Committee will disband when American Waste receives their operator's license, at which time Mr. Cooke will send a communication to the Committee members.

The Committee discussed the existing tower on the property that was formerly owned by American Tower. Ms. LaVanway suggested the possibility of the tower being used for future broadband services.

6. Public Comment

Barb Bradford, Antrim County Planning Commissioner, thanked American Waste for their participation in the process and sees the opportunity to increase services to County residents.

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.