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NORRIDGEWOCK PLANNING BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2021 6:00 PM

Present: Brian Aubry, Josh Chartrand, Margaret O'Connell, Becky Ketchum, Charlotte Curtis

Others Present: Town Manager Richard LaBelle, Codes Enforcement Officer David Savage, Jeff McGown (Senior District Manager Waste Management), Sherwood McKenney PE (District Engineer Waste Management), Sally Daggett Esquire (Jensen Baird Gardner & Henry, Representing Town), Adam Sandahl PE (CMA Engineers Representing Town), Juliet Browne Esquire (Veri ll Dana Representing WM) Scott Luettich (Geosyntec Representing WMI)

Public Present: Ed Anthony, Amy Everett, Kerri Everett, Derek Furbush, Susan Giroux, Greg Levinsky, Janice Malek, Todd Pineo, Brian Shaban, Daren Turner, Amy Washburn, Kathy Wilder, two (2) unidentified.

This is a Public Hearing on the Waste Management application for the Phase 14 Expansion.

1. The Public Hearing and meeting was opened by Acting Chairman Becky Ketchum at 6:03 PM. Acting Chairman Ketchum stated the rules governing the Public Hearing: All questions and comments from the public will be heard first, then the representatives of Waste Management and Town of Norridgewock will respond. Each speaker from the public will be allowed five (5) minutes to speak

2. Scott Luettich and Sherwood McKenney described the project.

3. Town Manager LaBelle began taking calls from the public. He requested each caller to identify him/herself and to give their address.

1. Kathy Wilder at Wilder Hill Rd: What will happen with the leachate? Where are the chemicals going? With the expansion, what will the impact be on local water resources? Will "rock snot" appear in the brooks and streams? In the past, there was greater transparency with information going to the Town. What data is available to the Townspeople that is sent from Waste Management to the Town and then available to the public? *She also inquired about paying for well testing for abutters.*

2. Janice Malek at 31 Bridge Street: When she reviewed the maps, there appeared to be more than one stream. What watershed do these streams belong to? Do they go to the

Mill Stream? What is the process for monitoring these resources for pollution? Where does the leachate go? Does it reach the Mill Stream watershed?

3. Susan Giroux at 143 Betterment Road: How will Waste Management ensure there will not be cancer-causing agents released into the ground water near existing residential water wells that surround Phase 14?

4. Ed Anthony in Industry, Maine: What is the life span of the liner system? What happens if there is an earthquake or some other natural disaster that causes the liner to be breached? Is there a process in place to contain overflow leachate? Is it possible it will spill over and get into the ground water? Has there been any discussion about processing the leachate at the Norridgewock waste Water Facility? In November 2019, there was a question in PPH regarding Turnkey in New Hampshire. They found that there were 9700 parts per trillion of PSOs in the waste water that was processed at Anson-Madison Sewer District. There are 4.5 million gallons of leachate discharged into the Madison treatment plant and then into the Kennebec River and about 25 million gallons at SAPPI. How do we prevent chemicals in the leachate from eventually working their way into the drinking water and wells? *How are we* preventing chemicals and heavy metals from working their way into drinking water in towns along the Kennebec River? Is Waste Management in support of treating leachate for forever chemicals prior to going to waste treatment?

5. Brian Shaban at Tarbell Hill Road: What kind of refuse be buried in the new parcel? What kind of monitoring will be in place to check leachate into the aquifer and how often will it be monitored? Has there been any discussion regarding the installation of solar panels or wind turbines to any capped landfill? *Was there any change versus the waste currently being accepted?*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Todd Pineo at 93 Wilder Hill Road: There has been a lot of negative lately about Waste Management. However, he believes They are well run and responsive to public complaints. Waste Management is a good employer and aside from the taxes they pay, they pay excise tax on a fleet of trucks, host benefit fees, free rubbish disposal for Norridgewock residents, as well as the many charities they support. They have been good stewards of the job they have been charged with.

2. Kerri Everett at 67 Madison Road: She has worked closely with waste Management. She has found they are prompt to respond to the public, that they do not take complaints lightly but respond seriously. Waste Management has contributed both monetarily and work force such as repairing the ball fields and sweeping the streets of Norridgewock. They have a good understanding of truck traffic and work diligently to ensure that trash left behind by these vehicles is cleaned up. They try to make things better for our community.

3. Derek Furbush at 730 River Road: He and his wife both work for Waste Management

and find them to be good employers. As employees they have had the opportunity to get involved in various community projects including food drives, clothing drives and so on. They thank Waste Management as an employer and as a Norridgewock home owner who care about the community and are willing to invest in it.

5. Acting Chairman Ketchum gave a last call for comments or questions at 6:52 PM.

6. RESPONSES

Jeff McGown:, Scott Luetlich, Sherwood McKenney: In answer to questions 1 and 2 There is a triple lining so that no leachate seeps into the ground or the aquifer. There are 48 ground water monitoring wells on the property and they are tested three times a year. Leachate is contained in such a manner that none of it gets into the streams. In response to Questioner 4, the life span of the liner is many hundreds of years. The polymers that the liner is made of will deteriorate if exposed to sunlight, so the project is designed so that it is not exposed to sunlight. Earthquakes are taken into consideration when designing and engineering the project. There is very little danger of flooding and there are tanks designed to receive any overflow of leachate. Leachate goes to Sappi and Anson-Madison Sewer District who are licensed and controlled by DEP. In response to the comment about Turnkey in New Hampshire, Waste Management in Norridgewock has no knowledge of Turnkey's work but Turnkey no longer sends leachate to Anson-Madison Sewer District. Waste Management in Norridgewock sends 25 million gallons to Anson-Madison and 4 million to SAPPI. In response to Questioner 5, Waste Management has discussed putting solar panels on the property. The companies say there is not enough area available.

Kathy Wilder was allowed to speak again by Acting Chairman Ketchum: Ms. Wilder stated that she had it on "good authority" that a liner installed previously had holes in it.

The response: Geosyntec engineers install the liner; a second company chosen by Waste Management inspect the liner; a third company uses an electronic leak detection system to check the liner for leaks.

Kathy Wilder : Does Waste Management pay for people to have their wells tested for contamination?

The response: Yes and the abutters have been notified that this is available.

Acting Chairman Ketchum asked if all questions had been answered. Most callers answered in the affirmative.

Kathy Wilder: Stated she does not feel her questions were answered.

Acting Chairman Ketchum closed the Public Hearing at 7:20 PM

Planning Board Member asked when the Board members get to ask questions. Response: During the Review at our next meeting.

7. Discussion/Action on the Minutes of 01/28/2021: Josh Chartrand moved to approve the minutes as read, Brian Aubry seconded. A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary: Ketchum-yes, O'Connell-yes, Chartrand-yes, Aubry-yes, Curtis-yes. The vote was all in favor.

8. The next meeting will be on Thursday February 25, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

9. There was no other business.

Adam Sandahl informed the Board that he would not be able to attend the next meeting but Robert Grillo would attend.

10. The meeting was closed by Acting Chairman Ketchum at 7:24 PM.