

**SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 10, 2011**

The Solid Waste Committee met in the Public Works/Public Safety Building on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Frank Moore, Chairman
Stewart Hall- Public Works Director
Vanlue Morgan- Public Works Deputy Director
The Honorable Ronald Wolff
The Honorable Donald Hart, Jr.; BOS Chairman
The Honorable Robert Crockett

Others Present: Ken Lion, Regulatory Compliance Specialist
Dawn A. McGuire, PW Administrative Assistant
Michael Mason, Director of Finance
Jenny O'Neill- Waste Watchers
Wendy Miles, Waste Watchers
Vicky Parker, Waste Watchers
Mike Mee, Waste Alliance of North America, LLC
Delbert Beasley, Beasley Disposal, Inc.
George Phillips, Artesian Resources
William R. Fischer- Litter Control Officer

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank Moore.

Mike Mee, Vice President of Waste Alliance of North America, LLC was introduced and presented a PPEA proposal slide show of developing a transfer station. He introduced Delbert Beasley of Beasley Disposal, Inc. Mr. Beasley stated he had been in business for 15 years with 40 years of experience. A lengthy discussion ensued about the proposed transfer station.

Chairman Frank Moore spoke out on the transfer station proposal.

Mike Mason spoke about the landfills closure and monitoring cost. A discussion ensued.

Vanlue stated that the EPA has come out with greenhouse gas reporting requirements.

Ron Wolff stated that there are questions that come to mind about closing South Landfill and still operating the North Landfill. A discussion ensued.

Robert Crockett asked what is the time line and when does the Board of Supervisors have to make a decision to close the South Landfill.

Jenny O'Neil stated that she sees a problem with the landfill and stated that in her opinion something is wrong with shopping the garbage somewhere else. A discussion ensued.

Donald Hart stated that we live in a bubble and we have to protect those other 3 layers. He also said we want to make sure the bottom is protected because the first layer has been polluted.

Frank Moore spoke about the development of the committee, statement and membership.

Ron Wolff stated that Wanda Thornton was concerned about the membership of the committee. A discussion ensued.

Donald Hart spoke about the committee membership and stated his opinion to decrease the number of Board members serving on the committee and have more citizens.

Robert Crockett recommended two Board members and three citizens to serve on the committee.

The mission statement was discussed among the committee members. A discussion ensued.

Randy Fischer, Litter Control Officer for Public Works stated that he has had 60 probationers per month and as of January 1, 2011, 1200 bags of trash were collected off the side of the roads, 67 miles road way covered. He stated good news regarding folks that do wrong in Maryland will be able to do their probation here in Accomack County. He also said the recycling rate is at 23%. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Vanlue talked about the recycling contracts, scrap metals and the first annual electronic recycling event held on May 7, 2011 at Fisher's Corner Convenience Center. A discussion ensued.

Ken Lion stated that the final plans for the leachate facility upgrade would be completed in two weeks with construction by the end of July or August. He also stated we should have the EPA permit by the 25th.

Vanlue stated the Painter Convenience Center opened in January 2011 and was a slow start. He stated that something different was done, which was a huge paved area for brush to be taken and that the compactors are much bigger. He also stated that we are putting both residential waste and bulk waste in the same compactor. A discussion ensued.

Jenny O'Neill, Waste Watchers stated they are continuing to educate people. She stated that their latest project was with the schools or high school kids in which they are hosting a video contest for kids to make a 60 second ads about litter on the Eastern Shore for prizes. She also stated that they are going to be circulating a petition in both Accomack and Northampton County asking that the solid waste laws on the books be enforced. She stated they will be approaching everyone including the judges and seeing board members at the meetings. Jenny stated that everyone is helpless and they want to do something about it. She stated that there hasn't been a prosecution in years. Randy stated they had one. A discussion ensued.

Ron Wolff made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to subsection, (A) (3) for discussion of the acquisition or disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body. The motion was seconded by Robert Crockett.

Adjournment

The meeting of the Solid Waste Committee adjourned at 5:55 p.m.