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MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2010 6:00 PM

Room 226, County Courthouse, 48 Court Street

Canton, New York

Action items in bold italics

1. **Call to Order:** D. Katz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

2. **Roll Call, Determination of Quorum:** A quorum was not present.
Members present included: T. Cutter, G. Hart, A. Heidenreich, R. Horst, D. Katz, J. Rosales, L. Rudiger, B. Zimmerman.
Members absent included: B. Flavin, G. Johnson, A. Soutar, D. Howard, D. Matthews, D. O'Shea, L. Perry, P. Skomsky. **Howard** (amended July 21, 2010), Skomsky and Matthews were excused.
Staff: J. Montan, K. Zimmerman.
Guests: Michael Cunningham, Director, St. Lawrence County Governmental Services Department; Donald Hassig and Lew Shepherd, Cancer Action.
Press: None.

3. **Hearings, Comments from the Public:** D. Katz introduced the speaker, Michael Cunningham, Director of St. Lawrence County Governmental Services Department. Cunningham spoke about the County's efforts to date in trying to develop more environmentally-friendly procurement practices. He cited several example actions, including:
 - The County has the latitude to specify a reasonable cost purchasing option for recyclable commodities in bid documents.
 - The County is using up its stocks of stainless steel cleaner and switching to a 'green' stainless steel cleaner.
 - The Jail uses a "green" cleaning product.

He passed out a draft text of a procurement policy that was suggested by A. Heidenreich and B. Zimmerman for discussion.

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Cunningham and Keith Zimmerman suggested a broad policy adopted by the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators that would apply to all relevant departments. Such a policy would need to favor environmentally sound practices but not be so inflexible as to substitute for the judgment of individual departments. *It was decided that staff should work on a draft resolution and policy statement for consideration by the EMC before forwarding to the Board of Legislators.*

D. Katz thanked Michael Cunningham for his presentation and for fielding several questions, and then called a 10-minute recess; the meeting resumed at 7:25 PM. At this point, two people spoke: Lew Shepherd and Donald Hassig want more public information on cancer risk posed by a variety of sources including Superfund sites and diets high in animal fats. Staff will produce some press releases on cancer risk factors and will look into getting Dr. David Carpenter to speak at a public forum on the subject.

4. **Acceptance of Order of Business, Items for New Business, Items for Unfinished Business:** No action for lack of quorum.
5. **Approval of the Minutes of the April, 2010 Meeting:** No action for lack of quorum.
6. **Report by the Representative of the Board of Legislators (BOL):** None
7. **Reports by EMC Members on Conversations with County Legislators:** None.
8. **Report of the Committees:**
 - a. **Executive** – D. Katz. No report.
 - b. **Education** – R. Horst No report.
 - c. **Natural Resources** – A. Heidenreich No report.
 - d. **NYSAEMC** – No report.
9. **Report of the Staff:** J. Montan reported that he had sent via e-mail to EMC members draft comment language on the proposed Part 247 Outdoor Wood Boilers regulations. Lance Rudiger said that he had not received the e-mail. *He requested, and it was agreed that for the next monthly meeting, staff will send all notices by mail with anything requiring action marked “actionable item”.* J. Montan also noted that the EMC will not have time to submit comments on Beyond Waste (the State’s Solid Waste Management Plan) to the Board of Legislators in time to meet the July comment deadline. *He agreed to send copies of comments that EMC members had written on the plan to any EMC members that wanted them in case they wished to submit their own personal comments.*
10. **Unfinished Business:** None.
11. **New Business:** None.

12. Announcements: None.

13. Message to Board of Legislators: None. The next (June) meeting will begin at 4:00 PM at the Colton Transfer Station.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by J. Montan

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