



GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee

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Genesee County Park Interpretive Center, E. Bethany, NY

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10:00 AM

Members Present: Felipe Oltramari; Brenda Donohue; Edward DeJaneiro; Gary Moore; Sandra King, Catherine VanHorne; Jerry Davis

Others Present: Margaret C. Grayson, Recycling Administrator; Barb Czworka

In the absence of Mr. Pangrazio Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

I. Minutes: Mr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the June 9, 2017 minutes. **Ms. King moved to approve the minutes of June 9, 2017, seconded by Mr. Moore and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)

II. Treasurer’s Report: Ms. Grayson reviewed the April to August billing summaries. The total of the invoices paid for April 2017 was \$4,964.00. Most of the expenses are normal office expenses, salary and fringe benefits. At the end of April GLOW had expended \$26,999, representing 21.64% of its yearly budget. The total of the invoices paid for May was \$5,686.66. Most were normal salary and fringe benefits and office expenses, along with notification cards and laminating sheets for the 2017 Household Hazardous Waste Collection program. Through the end of May GLOW had expended \$32,685, representing 26.20% of its 2017 budget. The June billing summary shows expenditures of \$6,319.12 for normal office expenses, salary and fringe benefits and recycled content for printing brochures. Total year to date expenditures were \$39,004, representing 31.26% of the yearly budget. Ms. Grayson reviewed the July billing which showed expenses of \$5,557.20 and consisted of normal office expenses, salary and fringe benefits, along with postage for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program (notification card, posters, etc.) and recycled content pens for residents to complete their exit survey cards. The tracking sheets show total year to date expenditures of \$44,762, representing 35.87% of the budget. Mr. Oltramari noted that there was a \$200 difference between the monthly total of \$5,757 on the tracking sheet and the \$5,557.20. Ms. Grayson will check on it and report back to the Committee. The total of the August invoices was \$5,667.01. At the end of August total expenditures were \$50,429, representing 40.42% of the yearly budget. In addition to the normal salary, fringe benefits and office expenses, there was household hazardous waste collection postage. **Ms. Donohue moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Ms. King and carried, with the stipulation that the July billing summary is corrected.** (7 ayes, 0 nays) Ms. Donohue mentioned that the interest GLOW is getting on CDs is impressive. Ms. Grayson explained that Kevin Andrews, Genesee County Deputy Treasurer, who handles GLOW’s accounts contacted her earlier in the year and explained that if GLOW won’t be needing access to a significant amount (\$100,000?) of the fund balance for a year, which has been the case in recent years, it could be put into a one year CD at a higher rate. She authorized him going ahead with it. She believes they are through Tompkins/Bank of Castile but will check with him and let members know.

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III. 2017 Work Program and Budget: Ms. Grayson explained that it was basically what GLOW has operated under in recent years. The proposed budget was discussed. Ms. Grayson noted that she and Mr. Oltramari went over it together and thought the household hazardous waste disposal line should be increased by \$5,000-primarily to account for electronics disposal costs, which have increased over the last two years and are not likely to decrease. Ms. Grayson's salary adjustment is in the fourth year of being phased in, resulting in a 6.21% increase. After next year it will only increase by the performance based rate set by Genesee County. Mr. Oltramari noted that it is up by 4.63 per cent from the current year. Mr. DeJaneiro questioned the cost of the phone bills. Ms. Grayson explained that fax, internet and basic phone through Genesee County are only \$1.50, \$3.50 and \$7.50 per month respectively. GLOW maintains the toll free Recycling Hotline through AT&T and Verizon and the cost is minimal. She also noted that she uses her personal cell phone and gives the number out to vendors and residents, primarily for the household hazardous waste collection and doesn't submit it for reimbursement. Mr. Oltramari also noted that the cost of clerical services from Genesee County has been removed. The Genesee IT department has no plans to charge GLOW for providing their Financial Clerk-typist to process GLOW payroll and invoices. GLOW's MWR&R grant, which covers one half of her salary and fringe benefits is in effect through 2018. Proposed changes to that program are in the process of being revised and Ms. Grayson will be reviewing them to see what the effect might be after next year. Additional discussion on the budget followed. **Ms. VanHorne moved to accept the tentative 2018 Work Program and Budget, seconded by Mr. DeJaneiro and carried (7 ayes, 0 nays)**

IV. Updates. A) 2017 Household Hazardous Waste/Pharmaceutical Collection: Ms. Grayson told the Committee that the September 16 event at Livingston County's Hampton Corners Complex in Mt. Morris went well. As always the volunteers and vendors did a fantastic job and wouldn't even take breaks, though temperatures were in the 80 degree range. As of 5:00 p.m. on Friday five hundred ninety four (594) residents had registered. Ms. Grayson said that she overbooked by 20 and all 620 spots were filled by September 1st. She kept a waiting list the week of September 4-8 and filled people in but stopped keeping it the week of the collection, as it gets to be too much trying to fill people in, get a packet to them, etc. A number of people called to make appointments, ask for directions or ask questions during the event. Ms. Grayson noted that approximately 175-200 residents brought pharmaceuticals, resulting in 12 plastic bags of pills and packaging, weighing approximately 400-500 pounds total. GLOW made \$319.50 on the 258 tires that came in. An initial look at exit survey cards indicates most people were extremely happy with the event, though some were not happy about waiting in line. There was discussion about the electronics. The amount that GLOW will be reimbursed for them this year is uncertain because the remainder of the 3 million dollars that the Governor released last year is being split proportionately after all eligible 2017 collections have been done, invoiced and paid for. In addition to the fact that, at this point there isn't any indication that there will be state assistance for them next year. Ms. Grayson said she could easily have taken 80 more appointments and 99% of those residents only wanted to bring electronics, primarily CRT TVs and monitors. She noted that she has spoken to Senator Cathy Young and Assemblyman Steve Hawley (twice) about fixing the Electronic Equipment Recycling Law and Mr. Hawley send a representative to a regional State recycling association (NYSAR3) meeting that Ms. Grayson helped organize in August. His representative said there is no move to amend the law and the State expects the counties to handle it. She has been encouraging residents to contact their State representatives about it. Assuming the cost of disposal continues to increase, there were a number of thoughts on this matter, including not accepting them at all and providing residents with a letter to send to their State representatives encouraging them to provide funding for collections, severely limiting the number residents can bring and monitoring how much is taken out of cars (deemed unacceptable because residents might dispose of them illegally as they leave the site), charging residents for them or continuing to accept them. More discussion on this will follow after GLOW receives the Sunnking invoice and finds out how much of it will be reimbursed to GLOW by DEC. Ms. Grayson will present the Final Report at the next meeting, providing the Environmental Enterprises invoice has been received. Ms. Grayson asked members if she could reduce the size of the report by eliminating copies of the packet materials that most members have seen numerous times over the years. The consensus was to do a limited number of the full final report (for DEC

and a few others) and provide Committee members with the Executive Summary only. **b) Local Solid Waste Management Plan (LSWMP)** Ms. Grayson updated members on here discussions and agreement with DEC on the Plan. She will work on it as she has time, consult one of two DEC staff members at Central Office in Albany and if she has problems or concerns with what they are requiring she will report the GLOW Committee for additional guidance.

V. 2017 Advertising Campaign: Ms. Grayson reminded members that the composting advertisements were run in May, instead of October, to promote the new Compost Demonstration Site at Letchworth State Park. Thirty-six residents from GLOW counties responded as well as two (2) from outside of GLOW. They were sent the packet GLOW sends each year and a postcard with four (4) questions related to the compost site. Ms. Grayson also dropped off 100 of the questionnaires at the campground office for campers and laminated posters at the Park Office and Humphrey Nature Center. Respondents answering and returning the questions were eligible to win one of three food scrap buckets. Ms. Grayson wrote an article about the site for the Genesee Naturalist booklet and Letchworth approved it but it wasn't published. In the end, none of the postcards or questionnaires was returned to GLOW. Ms. Grayson noted that she checked the Letchworth site earlier in the week, found the "take one" box empty and filled it with 20 more packets. A couple of lids and a door were off or askew and she fixed them easily. The site is only accessible by car until October 20th. After that people would have to park and walk in. Ms. Grayson held up a copy of the GLOW/NY Recycles ad that will be published in area penny savers the first week of November. The first 75 residents sending in the pledge will receive a Chico (reusable) bag that GLOW purchased last year, as we've done in recent years. The cost of the composting ads was \$948.37 and the GLOW/NY Recycles ad will be \$950.33.

VI. 2017 New York Recycles Program: Ms. Grayson told the Committee that since there were only two (2) schools that participated in the 2015 program in 2016 she emailed a one (1) page form on November 15th asking schools/classes to tell GLOW about their environmental efforts. Students in eight (8) classes/environmental groups would receive GLOW's post-it notes. Only two (2) classes at Keshequa Central School responded. She will try it again this year and see if she gets better results.

VII. Surplus/Disposing of TV and video tapes: Ms. Grayson explained to members that GLOW has an old CRT TV with a video player/recorder that hasn't been used in years and may not work. She'd like to dispose of it and Genesee County has gotten permission from their electronics vendor (EWaste+) to take it at no charge. The video tapes can be sent to GreenDisk for recycling for the cost of postage. **Ms. VanHorne made a motion to dispose of a TV and video tapes through Genesee County and GreenDisk, seconded by Ms. Donohue and carried.** (7 ayes, 0 nays)

VIII. County Updates: Genesee County – Ms. Grayson mentioned that the Town of LeRoy has started to charge residents for recyclables and requires residents dropping off yard waste to purchase a punch card. Ms. Czworka commented that she didn't think residents could be charged for recyclables. Ms. Grayson explained that this has come up in the past and in fact they can. **Livingston County**-Ms. Grayson noted the passing of Joe Shanks of Shanks enterprises. She also passed around a picture of a recent fire at LT Disposal in Caledonia. She hasn't heard what the cause was. **Wyoming County**-Ms. Grayson mentioned that former GLOW Committee member and retired Wyoming County Sheriff's investigator Steve Tarbell has written a book about the murder investigation of a seven year old girl in Hermitage in 1997. As part of the investigation he and a colleague searched an active part of the CID landfill in Chaffee, Erie County.

IX. Other Business: Pharmaceutical legislation: Ms. Grayson told members that according to the NYS Association of Counties legislation has been passed by both houses that amends public health law and requires all chain pharmacies and nonresident pharmacies to have take-back methods and to charge consumers no more than \$2.00 if they are using mail-back envelopes. **Black Plastics:** Ms. Grayson told members that her colleague from Allegany County contacted her to tell her they have been contacted by the

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recycler in Pennsylvania that they are using and told they do not want black plastic containers. Apparently their optical sorters cannot read them. Ms. Grayson emailed area transfer stations and Genesee ARC to see if they have run into this issue. Paul Saskowski from ARC has not run into it and said it would great big problems for them. None of the transfer stations responded. **NYSAR3 Conference:** Ms. Grayson asked if members had any problem with her not attending the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3) that is in early November in Cooperstown, NY. The agenda is almost entirely about global warming. Since she has other day to day local issues to deal, such as problems with haulers combining source separated recyclables with trash and not having options for electronics disposal, and the subject matter isn't related to GLOW's current work program it seems that going would be an unnecessary expense in terms of time and money. The consensus was for Ms. Grayson to skip the 2017 conference. **GLOW's 30 Year Anniversary:** Ms. Grayson noted that the end of October will mark 30 years of GLOW's existence. She wondered if anything should be done to mark the occasion, such as issuing a press release.

X. Next Meeting – The next scheduled meeting is on Friday, December 1, 2017 at the Town of Caledonia office located at 3109 Main St., (Route 5) at 10:00 a.m.

XI. Adjournment: Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m., seconded by Ms. King and carried. (6 ayes, 0 nays)

Respectfully Submitted,



Felipe Oltramari
Secretary/Treasurer