

# GLOW Region Solid Waste Management Committee

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Genesee County Building 2, Large Conference Room, Batavia, NY

January 25, 2019  
10:00 AM

Members Present: Felipe Oltramari, Jerry Davis, John Hilchey, Gary Moore, Michael Falk

Others Present: Margaret C. Grayson, Recycling Administrator; Carl Hyde, Supervisor, Town of Bethany

In the absence of Mr. Pangrazio, Mr. Davis called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. After Mr. Falk arrived approximately 10 minutes later due to weather conditions Mr. Davis asked those present to introduce themselves.

**I. Treasurer’s Report:** In the absence of a quorum the Minutes were tabled and Ms. Grayson reviewed the November 2018 billing summary. The total of the November invoices was \$5,723.38. In addition to normal office expenses, salary and fringe benefits there was the cost of registration and hotel for the New York State Association of Reduction, Reuse and Recycling (NYSAR3) conference that she attended in Cooperstown. At the end of November GLOW had expended \$105,254 representing 81.14% of the budget. The total of the December invoices was \$12,694.05. Other than normal office expenses and salary and fringe benefits there was advertising for the GLOW/NY Recycles program and three quarters of the year (\$6,020) for retirement. At the end of December GLOW had expended \$118,203, representing \$90.91% of the 2018 budget. Ms. Grayson told members that she mailed the 2018 Municipal Waste Reduction and Reuse (MWR&R) grant reimbursement request on Friday, January 18. The amount submitted was almost \$38,000. She expects the reimbursement by the end of the month. This is the last year of the three (3) year grant, which covers one half of her salary and fringe benefits, along with public outreach, postage, copies of brochures, etc. She also noted that she has submitted the 2018 Household Hazardous Waste grant application, with documentation of payment, which is due by the end of February. Once approved the reimbursement request will be submitted. The amount will be approximately \$12,000. She noted that she just completed the 2018 Electronics grant application. If there is enough funding for the full reimbursement of 50% the reimbursement will total close to \$4,000.

Mr. Falk arrived at approximately 10:20, creating a forum.

**II. Minutes:** Mr. Davis asked for a motion to approve the December 6, 2018 minutes. **Mr. Moore moved to approve the minutes of December 6, 2018, seconded by Mr. Oltramari and carried.** (5 ayes, 0 nays).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Ms. Grayson gave Mr. Falk a short review of the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Falk asked about the size of the fund balance and whether \$300,000 was too high. Ms. Grayson explained that GLOW is very conservative in its spending and office expenses and rent are very low because GLOW is housed in a Genesee County building and falls under the County. This situation and the MWR&R grants have kept GLOW alive. GLOW pays Genesee County to handle its finances and Scott German, the County Treasurer is GLOW’s fiscal officer. Ms. Grayson also said she understood that the State Comptroller’s office did review GLOW a few years ago, through Genesee County, and she was never told there was a problem with it. Ms. Grayson will discuss it with Kevin Andrew, Deputy Treasurer and

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response at the next meeting. Mr. Davis asked for a motion to accept the report. **Mr. Moore moved to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mr. Hilchey and carried.** (5 ayes, 0 nays).

**III. Requesting County Contributions:** Ms. explained that the contributions are based on population and the percentages are stipulated in GLOW's Intermunicipal Cooperation Agreement (IMA), the latest version of which was passed in the spring of 2017 for the calendar years of 2018 and 2019. The total dropped from \$90,000 to \$72,000 when Orleans County left at the end of 2003 and the individual contributions were adjusted some years ago using 2010 U.S. Census figures. The contributions haven't changed since that adjustment. Genesee contributes \$25, 805, Livingston \$28,088 and Wyoming \$18,107. **Mr. Falk moved to submit the invoices requesting the County contributions to the respective counties, seconded by Mr. Hilchey and carried.** (5 ayes, 0 nays). Ms. Grayson will send out the invoices to the respective counties.

**IV. a) 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program – a. Resolution No. 19-01 Extension of Contract with Environmental Enterprises, Inc.:** Ms. Grayson reminded members that the contract signed for the 2017 program included, as the last four contracts have, a second year at the same pricing as the first, and a possibility of a third year, with any pricing changes to be negotiated. This would be the second one year option. If accepted by GLOW EEL would increase the prices of three (3) items-oxidizers, mercury and aerosols. Any isocyanate cylinders would cost \$500 each and won't be accepted unless absolutely necessary. She referred to the analysis she distributed showing the estimated cost impact, based on 2017 weights at the Livingston County site. There was some discussion on this. Ms. Grayson noted that all three (3) counties have to sign it, so it will be put through their legislative processes. Without electronics in the mix GLOW will be able to shorten the day and end at 1:00 p.m. as it did in 2018 and get people in and out in 10-15 minutes. **Mr. Hilchey moved to pass Resolution 19-01 Recommending an Extension of the Contract with Environmental Enterprises, Inc. for the Collection, Transportation and Disposal of Unwanted and/or Unusable Household Hazardous Waste for the 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection. Seconded by Mr. Oltramari and carried.** (5 ayes, 0 nays). **b) Solid waste, tires, fire extinguishers, pharmaceuticals:** Ms. Grayson noted that she has permission to use the Genesee County Highway facility on Cedar St., Batavia on September 14 for the collection and the Sheriff's department will provide a deputy for the pharmaceutical station. She will send letters asking for pricing for tires and a roll off and will contact Churchville Fire Equipment to see if they will pick up any fire extinguishers and at what cost, as they have in recent years. The director of Genesee County Emergency Management Services (EMS) will take any that they can use for training before Churchville Fire comes.

**V. 2019 GLOW electronics collection:** Ms. Grayson reminded members that until last year GLOW contracted with electronics recyclers to collect electronics at the household hazardous waste collections. This results in problems with vehicles being backed up onto the roads and long waits for residents through the entire process. Having it the week or two (2) after (September 21 or 28), also at the Genesee County Highway facility will allow both collections to be more efficient. She has received permission to use the site one of those days. Residents didn't have to make appointments last year but she thinks it would be better to do them this year. She is working on a streamlined system where the confirmation would be via a postcard sent to people who make an appointment. Ms. Grayson contacted DEC and is still being told there won't be State funding for electronics. Because of this and the fact that costs are expected to increase GLOW will most likely have to charge for CRT TVs and monitors and possibly flat screens. Ms. Grayson told members that she has letters ready to go out to recyclers asking for proposals. Ms. Grayson also told members that she was interviewed by a Daily News reporter who wrote an article on the electronics disposal issue and the problems GLOW is seeing.

**VI. County Updates: Genesee County –** Ms. Grayson told members that an Orleans County resident was charged with illegal dumping of asbestos on the Iroquois Wildlife Refuge in Basom. **Livingston County-** Ms. Grayson noted that Horizon Waste in Leicester is no longer in business. It was owned by Wayne Scofield, who owns Multi-Metal Recycling and has been in business a little over a year. Ms. Grayson said there was an article in the Livingston News on food waste collection and composting at Genesee State. **Wyoming County –** Ms. Grayson noted that the ongoing class-action suit against Hillcrest Industries in Attica over odor problems in 2012 has been settled. Mr. Davis said there is a

proposal for a 2,000 acre solar farm in Castile. There was some discussion on other large solar projects in Caledonia, Mt. Morris and Byron and their ramifications.

**VII. Other Business: Smoke detector law.** Ms. Grayson noted that effective April 1 new or replacement smoke detectors have to be powered by a 10-year, non-removable battery or hardwired to the home. There was discussion on whether people will try to bring the old ones to household hazardous waste collections. GLOW doesn't accept them and they aren't covered under the grants. Ms. Grayson said she still directs people to mail them to the manufacturer.


**Proposed State Budget-**Ms. Grayson said that the Governor's budget includes a ban on single use plastic bags beginning in March of 2020. Ms. Grayson told members that the Governor's budget also includes expansion of the bottle bill to include sports and energy drinks, ready to drink teas and coffees and fruit and vegetable beverages but would exclude milk and milk substitutes and some other items.

**Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling.** Ms. Grayson also noted that lithium-ion battery recycling plant is being built in Endicott, NY.

**VII. Next Meeting** – The next scheduled meeting is on Friday, March 22, 2019 at the Town of Caledonia offices, located at 3109 Main St. Caledonia, NY at 10:00 a.m.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Mr. Hilchey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m., seconded by Mr. Oltramari and carried. (5 ayes, 0 nays).

Respectfully Submitted,



Felipe Oltramari  
Secretary/Treasurer