



Buffalo Environmental Management Commission

MINUTES

Meeting of Wednesday, December 17, 2014

The meeting started at 8:15 AM and was held in Room 901 City Hall.

Commissioner Attending: J. Gardella, D. Hahn-Baker, F. Armento, C. Grieco

Not Attending: J. Bauda, J. Hackney, A. Robinson

Others Attending: D. Sutton (COB support staff), Susan Attridge (Public Works)

Minutes – October 2014 Minutes were tabled. No quorum.

SEQRA/Sustainable Development

- Pilgrim Village – The Commission again reviewed the submitted SEQRA documentation since some changes had been made to the site plan. Additional apartment units had been proposed. The BEMC is in support of the project and the developer's intention of conducting remedial activities under the BCP and NYSDEC oversight.

There was a concern that the Planning Board had issued a Neg Dec determination even though environmental concerns were found on the project property. J. Gardella to contact developer's legal counsel regarding the SEQRA material and still wanted the Commission to provide comments and recommendations to the Planning Board regarding the project.

There was a general discussion regarding SEQRA topics and consultation with the Commission.

Other

- Susan Attridge, City of Buffalo Recycling Coordinator, was present and provided a marked up copy of the proposed revisions to the City's recycling ordinance. The Commission reviewed the comments with Ms. Attridge to coordinate an ordinance that this mutually acceptable.

Ms. Attridge pointed out that her department did not have the means or ability at this time to do all that was proposed in the new ordinance.

J. Gardella to draft a letter to Mayor Brown, providing comments and recommendations on the proposed ordinance. J. Gardella also to submit a memo to the Common Council, requesting the Council provide support for recycling education and pick up.

There was a general discussion regarding recycling topics, including: fine/penalties, electronics recycling and pick up and drop off issues.

- D. Hahn-Baker informed the Commission that the County had hired an Energy Efficiency Manager and that he had noted that the Environmental Post had run an article that presented information about the concerns of lead poisoning.

Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 9:45 AM. Next scheduled meeting is to be January 21, 2015.