

GGC Meeting Minutes July 7, 2021

Present: Richard Cox (co-chair), Anne Hoyt (co-chair), Sara Britting, Larry Cambell, Jan Regan, Sarah Myer, Ellis Bozollo, Pat Wallace, Jim Norwalk, Katie Labbe, Jacob Fox

Waste Assessment: Sara reported on progress with the joint city/town waste assessment being conducted by Impact Earth. Things are moving forward but with a modified timeline that puts us behind the original schedule. She also noted that Robert Putney, Impact Earth's CEO, questioned if Geneva's Resource Recovery Facility is large enough to handle the city's organic wastes, but Jacob, who operates the RRF, disagreed, saying his facility has the capacity to handle all of the projected combined waste from the city as well as the town.

Community Choice Aggregate: Richard reported that the contract to join a CCA has been drawn up and is waiting for the city manager's signature. Once the contract is signed, the next step will be for CCA to determine electricity usage in the city and then seek bidders. Larry said NYSEG has usage data. Sara asked if the city can join the town's contract, but Jan noted that city council so delayed approving the program, that the town went ahead and renewed its contract without including the city. The city will be paired with another municipality.

Mattress Collection: There was some discussion of how and if to include the service of picking up mattresses from people's homes rather than asking that mattresses be dropped off to a collection point.

Code change: Jim requested that the committee ask council to make changes in Chapter 100 of city code which deals with brush, grass, and weeds. Section 100-1 prohibits allowing more than 10% or 1/10th of an acre of any lot within the city to contain a "natural area" of wildflowers and shrubs. In addition, natural areas must be no nearer than 25 feet to roadways., and weeds or grass must be no higher than six inches. Katie said the code can be amended by city council but would require a public hearing to do so.