

August 20, 2024, 5:30 PM

Geneva Green Committee

Zoom Link:

<https://hws.zoom.us/j/92156663764?pwd=UJJ7ExYP7DwblO0Ps2Et1zmjlqPfEb.1>

Approval of July's Meeting Minutes (attached for reference).

Special guest at Anne's invitation: Catherine Price, regarding bringing back recycling at events and on the downtown streets, problems experienced with that, and what initiatives we can collaborate on.

Special guest at Sara's invitation: John Pruett can attend and speak about the potential closure (or not) of the Ontario County Landfill. No decision has been made yet by the county, so he may not be able to share much. BUT the public will have a short time to really come together and make their voices known. (See MaMaWoG document link in waste reduction agenda item below.)

Feedback from BID's Crusin' Night use of compost &/or recycling bins? (anyone who attended)

BID will fund Jill's Lakefront Park and Downtown work for the rest of the year. What about going forward? Continuing to request that the city provide BID with sufficient funds to continue paying Jill Byington to work next year at the Lakefront Park. (Funding the position, even if Jill leaves.)

Report(s) from City Council's August meeting. (Anne?)

Anne's feedback from the Native Plantings tours of the Lakefront Park.

Aug 9th flooding event feedback/photos? In light of the widespread flooding after Hurricane Debbie, a more focused approach to promoting the use of rain barrels and rain gardens in neighborhoods that experience the worst flooding is needed, along with beginning a conversation with the boards that regulate/oversee pavement projects (planning board and zoning board). (How will flood-prone properties be able to solve their own problems w/o helpful changes uphill/upstream from them as well as improvements to the storm sewer system?)

A request that Cornell at its Ag-Tech campus here in Geneva adopt land management practices that follow the guidelines of its Ornithology Lab. This follows from the premature mowing of grass in the Ag-tech Farm where grassland species were nesting.

Community Gardens update? (Julie?)

Updates regarding zoning codes? (Jim?)

Waste Management note from Sara regarding Ontario County's Aug 22nd meeting: "The county will be deciding on the status of the closure of the dump in 2028 *next Thursday*. The public will have a some time (?) to respond to the decision. From my discussions with a county supervisor, it will be very important to attend the supervisor and Board meetings to state your opinion about the dump closure. While Geneva and Seneca may want it closed or limited to only OC residents, other municipalities in OC may not care or even be paying attention to this. If you have friends/family who live in other municipalities, it would be beneficial for them to contact their supervisor to state their position to limit the dump to OC residents only."

Waste Reduction, Landfill Diversion, and Improved Materials Management
Recommendations to Geneva City and Town Governments final report, Nov 2022:
<https://hws.app.box.com/file/1073096299273?s=u2wcnr2g7kjnel67yo1v9w3evfwczjs>
Can we add this as quicklink to the GGC website(s)?

City milling feedback from Joe Venuti to Pat's inquiry "Is the material milled from our streets re-used in the fresh paving? (If not, what becomes of it?): "Good morning Patricia this is a great question and thank you for asking.

Please share with the committee that yes, the material is absolutely recycled.

The NYSDOT allows for a certain percentage of recycled asphalt product to be utilized in the new asphalt mix.

We have an agreement with a local asphalt producer to sell the material back to them so that it can used in the production of new asphalt.

The company is a limestone quarry so we take the sales credit of the millings and apply it to new crushed stone aggregates for our DPW to purchase and use all year long.

We also recycle the millings by utilizing the product for our own projects that require gravel road and parking lot repairs as well as shoulder backups.

Hope this helps.

Joe"

Announcements:

Ontario County meeting: Aug 22, 6:30pm, 74 Ontario St. Room 218 Canandaigua, NY 14424. Carpool opportunity with Pat & Marcia.

If anyone has any interest in attending Greenspark's Solarfest (for personal interest, ideas for MZ, etc.) Aug 25th (Ontario, NY), we could arrange a carpool:

<https://greensparksolar.com/solarfest-2024/>

Fall Native Plant Sale will be Saturday, Sept 28th, 8:00am – 1:00pm. Facebook posts are out, Richard is working on a press release.