



# Buffalo Environmental Management Commission

## MINUTES

Meeting of Wednesday, September 28, 2011

The meeting started at 8:10 AM and was held in Room 901 City Hall.

**Commissioners Attending:** J. Gardella, D. Hahn-Baker, C. Grieco, A. Robinson,

**Not Attending:** J. Bauda, F. Armento and J. Hackney

**Others Attending:** D. Sutton (COB support staff)

**Minutes** - The June 2011 meeting minutes were approved at the August 2011 meeting. The approval of the August meeting minutes were tabled due to the lack of quorum. J. Gardella to distribute August 2011 minutes.

**TIP Sheet** - The September TIP SHEET discussed North Collins, CO greenhouse gas reduction Program.

**SEQRA/Sustainable Development** – The property located at 2137 Seneca is the proposed location of a Dollar General Store. The Neg Dec designation was discussed in relation to the former use as a dry cleaner.

**LED Streetlights** – D. Sutton to invite Seyed to next meeting to give update of pilot project.

**Brownfield Update** – The status of the three BOA projects and the Union Ship Canal Commons project was updated.

**Green House Gas Inventory and Report** – No discussion this meeting.

**Membership** - No discussion this meeting

**Urban Farming** - D. Sutton submitted a copy of the US EPA Guidance for Urban Agriculture publication for review.

**Other** – There was a general discussion regarding the fires at the Goldman Titanium facility located on Dorothy Street and Niagara Lubricants located on Chandler Street. There was a consensus that there was a commendable response from the City, USEPA, NYSDEC, the Clean Air Coalition and the LEPC who attended Block Club meetings and a meeting with J. Gardella to discuss emergency response issues related to the fires. The meetings discussions included how to better plan for air and water monitoring and evacuation measures if similar events occurred.

A follow up to the meetings includes:

- USEPA to conduct a general duty inspection of Goldman Titanium;
- Carl Pelegriano of USEPA to forward emergency response literature;
- USEPA will work with NYSDEC and City Fire Dept. to make direct reading of air emissions during fires more readily available;
- USEPA and NYSDEC will issue a Fact Sheet discussing the post-fire cleanup and demolition activities and the potential impacts to private property.

### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM. Next scheduled meeting is to be October 19th, 2011.