

## **Perinton Leaders Unhappy with Slow Work by Waste Management on Landfill**

The Town of Perinton's Conservation Board is dissatisfied with Waste Management's efforts and lack of progress to eliminate odors at the High Acres landfill that have upset Town residents for more than a year.

In a letter to the Perinton Town Board, the Conservation Board recommended that "If Waste Management cannot successfully complete all mitigation tasks to the satisfaction of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) by April 30, 2018, the Town of Perinton should request NYSDEC take additional regulatory steps to deal with the odors from High Acres landfill in a timely manner."

On Wednesday, March 14, the Perinton Town Board unanimously endorsed the Conservation Board's recommendations and the proposed deadline for requesting additional NYSDEC intervention.

"The Conservation Board has kept a close eye on Waste Management's actions and has kept our Town Board fully informed of the progress – or lack of progress – on the landfill issue," said Perinton Supervisor Mike Barker. "We completely agree with the Conservation Board's contention that more should have been done by now to mitigate the odors, including completely covering Cell 11 with a geomembrane to contain emissions."

On March 8, 2018, Town Deputy Director of Code Enforcement and Development/Zoning Officer John J. Beck issued a Compliance Order to Waste Management, advising the company that it is in violation of its Special Use Permit. The Compliance Order directs Waste Management to resolve the facility issues that are resulting in the Special Use Permit's violation, or risk further enforcement action by the

Town.

According to Barker, if all NYSDEC-mandated mitigation is not completed by April 30, 2018, the Town Board, at the urging of the Conservation Board, will ask NYSDEC to:

- Immediately suspend municipal solid waste at the facility, including Cells 10, 11 and 12
- Waste Management would continue operating the residential waste drop-off area, but would dispose of the municipal solid waste at another NYSDEC-permitted landfill at Waste Management's expense.
- NYSDEC would monitor the gas collection performance of Cells 10 and 11 for at least a year before reinstating municipal waste disposal in Cell 12.
- NYSDEC to reduce the landfill's municipal solid waste tonnage rate until Waste Management can demonstrate it can manage these wastes without odors.

The complete letter from the Conservation Board to the Town Board can be found on the Perinton Town website at [www.perinton.org](http://www.perinton.org).

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