

Ovid board extends landfill moratorium

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OVID — The Town Board has extended its moratorium on new landfills or monofills for another year.

The board imposed the initial, one-year moratorium in May 2010. At its September meeting, the board renewed the moratorium for another year.

Town officials said the moratorium is designed to allow the town and planning boards additional time to study the potential impact of landfills and monofills on groundwater and agriculture and other quality-of-life factors.

The board adopted the 2010 law in response to reports that Scepter New York, an aluminum recycling company in Seneca Falls, wanted to put a monofill in the south end of the county. The company targeted a 200-acre parcel off Route 414 in the town of Varick, but withdrew its application in light of significant public opposition and opposition from the Varick Town Board.

A monofill is a landfill that accepts only one type of waste. Scepter wanted to deposit salt cake, a byproduct of aluminum recycling. Salt cake consists of sodium chloride, potassium chloride, aluminum nitrites and aluminum oxides.

Town Attorney Steven Getman, with help from the Seneca County Planning Department, the town Planning Board and Supervisor Walt Prouty, researched and drafted the town's moratorium.