

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Landrith. The meeting was held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-1 of 1975, as amended, and notice has been forwarded to the newspapers and posted on the bulletin board maintained at the Sussex County Administrative Center for public announcement.

**ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Landrith, Andover Borough, Chairman  
William Koellhoffer, Byram Township  
Gary Larson, Frankford Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township  
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton  
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township  
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough  
Richard Fenimore, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Eric Snyder, Planning Director  
Neal Leitner, Program Manager  
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary  
Maureen Theese, Health Department  
Reenee Casapulla, Recycling Coordinator  
Tom Varro, SCMUA

ALSO PRESENT: None

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Howard Baker to approve the Minutes of December 11, 2012. The motion was seconded by Renee Casapulla. All were in favor, with abstentions from William Koellhoffer, Gary Larsen, Ken Jaekel, Jo-Ann Williamson and Eleanor Mensonides. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. SCHEDULE DATE/TIME TO VIEW FOOD 2 WATER TECHNOLOGY:

Neal Leitner reported that the Florio Brothers are willing to work with SWAC's schedule to view their Food 2 Water Technology. Renee Casapulla said she has been in contact with the new Marketing and Business Development person at Newton Medical Center. She said she would like to attend but has not gotten back to Ms. Casapulla. Mr. Leitner said he will send out an e-mail to SWAC with tentative dates in the first week of March for a 10:00 a.m. visit. A member suggested car pooling.

B. DRAFT FARMSIDE LANDSCAPE & DESIGN SWMP AMENDMENT RESOLUTION:

Eric Snyder said that SWAC received an e-mail from John Hatzelis last Friday afternoon with comments on this Resolution. Some changes were made based on those comments. Mr. Snyder said that Notices and Public Hearings are not required with an Administrative Action. With an Administrative Action, all that is required is a letter from the Freeholders.

Mr. Snyder said some information was added to comply with DEP rules. The Draft Resolution was provided to SWAC. Tom Varro suggested that the wording in the first "Whereas" be changed to say that a presentation was held rather than a "hearing."

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to approve the Resolution for the Amendment to the SWMP to include Farmside Landscape and Design with the change noted above. The motion was seconded by Gary Larsen and carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Eric Snyder said that in previous SWAC meetings there were discussions about updating the SWMP. There are three or four amendments that have been adopted since the original plan was created as well as some redundancies. Mr. Snyder said he would like Neal Leitner to codify what is in the Plan and then have it reviewed by SWAC for suggestions for changes. Chairman Landrith suggested that "track

changes” be used when making changes to the Plan. Mr. Snyder said we would try to do “track changes” but he was not sure if the original document was in “Word.” It was thought that the document was a PDF. Mr. Snyder said the Plan is on the County website. Chairman Landrith said he may be able to convert the PDF file into something that can be revised.

Tom Varro said the original Plan does not address Administrative Actions and suggested that this be included in the revised Plan. Mr. Snyder said he has discussed the Plan with County Council and that the Plans will be revised within DEP’s rules.

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro provided SWAC with a Report comparing tonnage for December/January 2013 as compared to 2012, 2011 and 2010. In January 2013, there was a total of 7,891 tons and with December 2012, the total was 15,626 tons. This represents a decrease of 3.7% from 2012. Mr. Snyder said it was a very mild winter last year and that may have contributed to the high tonnage.

Mr. Varro said SCMUA will be submitting to DEP the application for a Solid Waste Facility Permit Minor Modification to allow for a slope increase from 3.5 to 1 to 3 to 1. They are also moving ahead with the other portion of the project for the landfill life extension. They hope to present to SWAC again in the near future with an application package for the larger modification.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla said the SCMUA’s Recycling Events for 2013 have been scheduled. A flyer listing the events was provided to SWAC. She said they had to contract with a new vendor for the electronics recycling program. The previous vendor’s contract ended in 2012. The new vendor is called Vintage Tech. Their headquarters is in Illinois but they have a facility in Philadelphia.

The 2013 Recycling Event Schedule has been e-mailed to the municipal Recycling Coordinators. The schedule is also on SCMUA’s website. Pamphlets are being printed and will be available for distribution at the next meeting.

Ms. Casapulla said at this time of the year, the towns start working on their recycling tonnage reports to be submitted to DEP, which are due by April 30. She has been working with the towns in getting the reports from the local businesses, haulers and larger corporations. A workshop for the municipalities has been scheduled for February 21, 10:00 a.m. at the MUA.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison did not attend this evening’s meeting nor did he provide a report.

D. SWAGER REPORT:

Mr. Landrith asked for a summary of what was accomplished at the SWAGER meetings. He said although they did not identify a viable, advanced way of dealing with solid waste, they did find many systems that only needed approval from Trenton. He added that it would be good to reserve the closed cell (at the landfill) for future technology.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder did not have a report beyond what he discussed under Old Business.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Maureen These reported that to date in 2013, 28 containers were inspected, with three container Notices of Violation and five penalty assessments. Three garbage trucks were inspected and there were no complaints so far this year. An employee from Mosquito Control has been trained to inspect containers and garbage trucks.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. FARMSIDE LANDSCAPE & DESIGN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION:

B. LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO JOHN ARMENO:

C. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO JOHN ARMENO:

Chairman Landrith read the Letter of Appreciation and the Certificate of Appreciation to John Armeno. The letter and certificate were signed and will be sent to Mr. Armeno.

D. DECEMBER GINNELL MONTHLY DISPOSAL REPORT:

E. JANUARY GRINNELL MONTHLY DISPOSAL REPORT:

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Doyle. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.