

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MARCH 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
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township
Robert Schultz , Hardyston Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Annette Stendor, Sussex Borough
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair
Donald Ploetner, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Eric Powell, Sparta Township

STAFF MEMBERS: Eric Snyder, Planning Director
Alice Brees, 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 Eleanor Mensonides to approve the Minutes of January 8, 2013. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen. All were in favor, with abstentions from Howard Baker, Annette Stendor and Donald Ploetner. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2013. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstentions from Allan Esenlohr, Robert Schultz, Annette Stendor and Donald Ploetner. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Landrith welcomed two new SWAC members, Donald Ploetner from Sparta and Annette Stendor from Sussex Borough.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RECYCLING SOURCE SEPARATION DISCUSSION:

Chairman Landrith asked Reenee Casapulla to discuss this item. Ms. Casapulla said there are two items that have come up since the last meeting that will have an impact on recycling in New Jersey. Senator Bob Smith introduced Bill S2528 and an accompanying Bill, A3879. She provided SWAC with copies of the legislation and pointed out that one of the documents included a summary of the bill. She read this summary in its entirety. She explained that with this bill, a commercial business or institution in the State of New Jersey would not be required to separate recycling from other solid waste. The recyclables would be sorted at material recovery facilities. The bill is being posed as a way to increase the recycling rate.

Initially, the Bill was presented only as Bill S2528. There was a meeting held with Recycling Coordinators and in discussion of this bill, they expressed among other concerns, that requiring recycling to be done at home and not schools would send out mixed messages. There was a proponent of the bill at the meeting and shortly after the meeting; the accompanying bill was presented which did not include institutions. The Association of NJ Recyclers sent a letter of opposition and a list of their concerns to Senator Smith. They asked him to review their concerns and to meet with them to discuss these proposed bills.

Discussion followed. The condition the recyclables would be in after being sorted out of solid waste was questioned. There was also a discussion about how difficult it would be to find and keep people to do this type of work. The ability to market the material after it has been contaminated was also a concern.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides that SWAC send a Resolution to the Freeholders recommending that they strongly oppose Bill S2528 and the accompanying Bill, A3879. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker and carried unanimously. Eleanor Mensonides suggested that this letter also be sent to the town Mayors and Managers to get their support.

B. STATE RECYCLING GRANT FUNDS:

Reenee Casapulla said the draft State budget has been presented. It was discovered that the State Recycling Fund for 2013 had been depleted. She provided SWAC with a list of State Revenues which shows the State Recycling fund for 2012 as \$20 million, 2013 is shown only with “---“, and 2014 as \$21.6 million. It was thought the 2013 entry was a typo. The League of Municipalities drafted a letter to the State municipalities regarding the entire budget, especially the diversion of \$21 million from the State Recycling Fund to the General Fund.

Ms. Casapulla said in 2010 the Sussex County Municipalities received, collectively, \$170,659.000 in grant payouts. The SCMUA gets an annual grant fund but it gets one of the lower percentages in all of the counties in New Jersey. SCMUA received \$110,000.00. Ms. Casapulla said receiving these grants is not an easy process. They must present their programs and funding sources to justify the spending of the grant funds.

A number of towns and counties are voicing their concerns by Resolutions and letters. The MUA will also send a Resolution.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides that SWAC send a Resolution to the Freeholders recommending that they oppose the loss of State Recycling Grant Funds for 2013. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and carried unanimously. Ms. Mensonides suggested that this Resolution be sent to the municipalities also.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FOOD 2 WATER:

Eric Snyder said since Neal Leitner moved to Vermont, he will reach out to SWAC for possible dates to visit a Food 2 Waste operation.

Howard Baker suggested that the Water Quality Group look into this system since the liquid waste is being disposed of into sewers.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro distributed a sheet showing Tonnage Comparisons for the First Quarter 2010 through 2013. The total tonnage for the First Quarter 2013 is 21,987, a 4.1% decrease from the same time period in 2012. He also provided SWAC with SCMUA Revenues for the First Quarter 2013. The total through the First Quarter was \$2,309,009.00. The First Quarter total in 2012 was \$2,368,913.00.

Mr. Varro advised SWAC that SCMUA is getting ready to complete the application for the Amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan to expand the landfill. They anticipate having the application package to the County Planner prior to the next meeting. There were presentations to SWAC in October and November 2012. SCMUA's Engineer will make a presentation with an update to show what is in the Amendment.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Reenee Casapulla provided SWAC with the new SCMUA brochure for 2013. It lists two upcoming events, the paper shredding program this Friday, March 15 and the first E-Waste Recycling Collection Event for 2013, this Saturday, March 16. The brochure also had event dates for Household Hazardous Waste, Medical Waste, Fluorescent Lamp and Boat Shrink Wrap as well as Municipal Recycling Coordinator contact information.

C. STATE LIAISON:

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder did not have a report this evening.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Maureen Theese reported that to date 62 solid waste containers and 14 garbage truck routes were inspected. To date, there were five container related Notices of Violation and three penalty assessments. When asked about the types of violations that are found with the containers, Ms. Theese said the containers can be mislabeled, they can have mixed loads, or they do not have the required DEP decals.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. FREEHOLDER PARKER SPACE LETTER:
- B. SCMUA SW REVENUE APPROPRIATION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2013:
- C. SOLID WASTE FACILITIES CERTIFICATE:
- D. LETTER TO SENATOR BOB SMITH:
- E. BILL 2258:
- F. EXPANDED POINTS RE: BILL 2258 FROM RECYCLING COORDINATORS:

Alice Brees gave a brief overview of the correspondence listed above.

Eric Snyder said he received flyer from Delta Thermo Energy, Inc. They expressed an interest in having SWAC visit their operation which will be at the Atlantic County Utilities Authority Recycling Center in Egg Harbor, NJ this Thursday.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Howard Baker. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.