

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MARCH 10, 2015

The meeting was opened at 7:00 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
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
John Burd, Hamburg Borough
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township
Robert Schultz, Hardyston Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township
Nina Fradl, Montague Township
Adam Vough, Town of Newton
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough
Christopher Fitzpatrick, At-Large
Donald Ploetner, At-Large, Vice Chair pro tem

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Gary Larson, Frankford Township
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Eric Snyder, Planning Director
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary
Adam Boltz, Health Department
Reenee Casapulla, Recycling Coordinator
Tom Varro, SCMUA

ALSO PRESENT: Eugene Cirrkowski, Cavalier Environmental Services
John Hatzelis, SCMUA

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by Donald Ploetner to approve the Minutes of January 13, 2015. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen. All were in favor, with abstentions from William Koellhoffer, Robert Schultz, Howard Baker, Nina Fradl and Adam Vough. Motion carried.

Two corrections will be made to the February 10, 2015 Minutes. Page 5, third paragraph, third line, "ID-13-C" will be changed to "ID-13." Page 6, second paragraph, second line, "host municipality commitment" will be changed to "host agreement." A motion was made by Howard Baker to approve the Minutes of February 10, 2015 with the corrections noted above. The motion was seconded by Donald Ploetner. All were in favor, with abstentions from Allan Esenlohr, John Burd, Karen Hansen and Robert Schultz. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. AMENDMENT APPLICATION FOR THE GRINNELL MRF, HOUSES CORNER ROAD, SPARTA TOWNSHIP:

Eric Snyder said he was waiting for a response from DEP and County Counsel about whether this application should be treated as an Administrative Action or an Amendment. Also, SWAC has recently been provided with comments from SCMUA and information from the Health Department. It is County Counsel's recommendation that this item be carried to the next meeting.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Howard Baker to table this item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Donald Ploetner and carried unanimously.

Tom Varro asked if the application has been deemed complete. Mr. Snyder said it has not yet been determined how this application will be handled, so it is difficult to deem it complete.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro provided information on tonnage comparisons for December 1 through February 28 for FY 2010-FY 2015. He said that this has been a severe winter and that it is not unusual for the weather to impact tonnage. In 2015, ID-10 had 15,728 tons, which is a 1.2% decrease over the same period of time in 2014. The Residents Convenience Center had 257 tons, no change to prior years. ID-13 Bulky Waste at the landfill was 1,013 tons, which was a 12.8% decrease from 2014. ID-13 C&D was 1,002 tons, which was a 32.7% decrease from 2014. ID-13 Bulky Waste at the Residents Convenience Center was \$1,645 tons, an increase of 14.8%. Animal Waste was 58 tons, a 5.5% increase and ID-27 Industrial/Asbestos, etc. was 109 tons, an increase of 70.3%. Mr. Varro added that the ID-27 is a small part of SCMUA's waste stream. Overall, there was a 2.8% decrease from 2014. This downward trend has occurred since 2012.

Howard Baker asked if the tonnage for the ID-13 Bulky Waste at the Landfill is before or after it has been picked through for recyclables. Mr. Varro said that the tonnage represents what went into the landfill after it has been picked through. Mr. Baker said he would like to see recycling tonnage from this waste stream as well. Mr. Varro said that SCMUA sends a monthly Materials Disposal and Materials Recover report to SWAC and those reports break down the figures. He agreed that it may be helpful to create a different format for the tonnage comparison report at different times of the year.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla also addressed Mr. Baker's suggestion and said that every year SCMUA does a summation of recycle tonnage. They present the information to the Commissioners first and then present it to SWAC. She said this report should be available to SWAC in a couple of months and that she would try to show the tonnage of recycling that has been diverted from the landfill in her next report.

There was a Municipal Recycling Coordinators Tonnage Workshop on March 3. This workshop is to help the towns prepare their Tonnage Recycling Reports for DEP. SCMUA collects these reports from commercial and retail businesses in the County and haulers that service the County.

The Electronics Recycling Event is scheduled for March 21 from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Ms. Casapulla said she will send out an E-Bulletin to all SWAC members and pamphlets with recycling events and dates have been distributed to the towns.

The 10th Annual SCMUA Earth Energy Day is scheduled for April 22 from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This is an educational event for local schools, however, anyone may attend. This year, different parts of the facility will be highlighted by the companies that service them.

Ms. Casapulla provided the representatives of Green, Hampton, Branchville, Frankford, Sussex Borough and Sandyston with pamphlets to bring back to their towns.

C. STATE LIAISON:

Eric Snyder said he spoke with the State Liaison today and she said she did anticipate attending this evening's meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder said he had a question regarding the DCA recycling inspections of multi – family housing. He asked Adam Boltz how does the DCA do these inspections and if there was anything SWAC could do to encourage them to do a better job. Mr. Boltz said as far as he knows, the DCA does not handle recycling inspections; they investigate housing complaints for apartment units. He said he has never known them to be involved with recycling inspections.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Adam Boltz reported that there were 97 solid waste containers inspected so far this year. This is up from 63 inspections from the last report. To date this year there were 16 garbage truck routes inspected, 14 were closed. There were two Notices of Violation; one for container labeling and one for a leaf mulch site in Sparta. So far there have been no Penalty Assessments.

There was one NJDEP Referred Investigation for illegal trash disposal in Wantage. There was an odor complaint against AG Choice but the complaint was anonymous and unenforceable. Mr. Boltz said he did investigate and did not find anything unusual.

There have not been any facility inspections done yet, but the DPW inspections begin this week. Since his last report, Mr. Boltz said he did two more truck inspections for recycling at the base of the landfill.

Mr. Boltz said he found a Type 10 garbage company which was taking waste out of the County. This is a small company with only three commercial accounts that the Health Department is aware of. The violation was detected by use of surveillance and information gathering and there is enough evidence to pursue this violation.

John Hatzelis, SCMUA said he had some questions about the information regarding the Health Department Enforcement Program that was distributed to SWAC today. He said there were about 12 letters from the County Health Department to Grinnell, five for flow control and seven for sticker violations. He asked why the information was not released sooner and requested more information on those letters. He also asked how

much was collected in fines. Mr. Boltz said he did not have those figures and that he will speak to Herb Yardley about it. Mr. Hatzelis also asked if there was any restitution collected on the 370 tons of solid waste that went to Keystone Landfill, other than the \$2,500.00 that was collected and sent to the MUA for restitution. Mr. Boltz said he believes the restitution program was started at the time when the \$2,500.00 was sent to the MUA.

John Hatzelis asked Eric Snyder about the statement he made about whether the Grinnell application will be handled as an Administrative Action or a Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment. He asked him to explain the difference between the two. Mr. Snyder said an Administrative Action is a minor change to the Plan and one that can be handled very simply. A Plan Amendment requires a more thorough review and requires DEP approval. Mr. Hatzelis said the Sussex County Solid Waste Plan does not provide for an Administrative pursuit or an Administrative Amendment. Mr. Snyder said the term is Administrative Action and that the County has taken Administrative Actions in the past. He said he will go through the plan and provide Mr. Hatzelis with the appropriate reference.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. GRINNELL/CECS PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN, SPARTA TOWNSHIP, 2/17/15:
- B. SOLID WASTE FACILITY MONTHLY DISPOSAL AND MATERIALS RECOVERY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2015, CECS, 2/17/15:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donald Ploetner. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.