

**SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 13, 2010**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jim Landrith. The meeting is held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-1 of 1975, as amended. Present were:

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Landrith, Chairman, Andover Borough  
Eleanor Mensonides, Vice Chairman, Vernon  
Bob Smith, Andover Township  
William Koellhoffer, Byram Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Chris Kelly, Hamburg Borough  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Edith McGrath, Lafayette Township  
Ken Jaekel, Newton  
John Armeno, At-Large  
James Wright, At-Large

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township

STAFF PRESENT: Eric Snyder, Planning Director  
Jim McDonald, Health Department  
Reenee Casapulla, Recycling Coordinator  
Tom Varro, SCMUA  
Neal Leitner, Program Manager

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Bayha, VP Back Thru the Future

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of March 9, 2010. It was seconded by Ms. Mensonides. After an abstention from Mr. Esenlohr, motion carried.

## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

None

## REPORTS

A. SCMUA Update - Mr. Varro spoke about the three handouts that were distributed at the meeting. The first one is a letter sent to the chairman of the MUA from Capital Public Affairs who is representing a manufacturer of the proprietary plasma gasification solid waste treatment system. Mr. Varro said they offered to give a presentation to SCMUA, but since it is not in the MUA's purview, he brought it to SWAC. Also, he said it was discussed at the SWAGER meeting held earlier. Mr. Varro said if it meets with SWAC's approval either the firm that sent the letter will come and make a presentation or the firm that made the presentation at the Atlantic City SWANA Conference regarding this topic will come to Sussex to make a presentation. Mr. Snyder suggested we do both.

The second handout Mr. Varro reported on was the Grinnell tonnage report. He said based on the numbers from January through March, it is showing Sussex County at 2.93% of Grinnell's inbound tonnage.

Mr. Varro also reported on SCMUA's tonnage and revenue report. He said through FY 2010 (December 1 through April 3), a total of 26,082 tons were received at the SCMUA facility for disposal. Last year at this time 27,791 tons were received. He said that number represents a decrease of 6.1%, which is the lowest decrease that has been seen lately. The average tip fee is up to 86.11, a small increase over last year.

B. Recycling Coordinator - Ms. Casapulla gave a report on a number of upcoming events. The first program mentioned is the third annual Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program, which runs from March 31 to June 30. Two locations will be collecting boat shrink wrap - Danforth's in Ogdensburg and SCMUA.

The second event Ms. Casapulla spoke about is the Shredding Event to be held this Friday, April 16. This event is held the third Friday of every month from 9 - 12. There is a \$6.00 fee per container, which increases by volume.

Ms. Casapulla said SCMUA is hosting its fifth annual Earth Day Celebration on April 22. This event marks the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. This is an educational forum, and is open to the public. Also, at this event there will be a food drive for non-perishable food items.

The Food Waste Recycling Forum will be held at SCCC on April 30. A food drive will be conducted at this event as well.

Saturday, May 1 is the SCMUA E-Waste Recycling Day. This is the first of two free recycling events for electronics such as computers, printers and TVs. There is a limit of 10 items per vehicle.

The final event Ms. Casapulla mentioned is the Household Hazardous Waste Day to be held on Saturday, June 5. This event is for the disposing of chemicals, solvents, mercury containing devices, pool chemicals, household cleaners, pesticides, etc. At this event and the E-Waste Recycling Day, schools and municipalities are invited to attend the day before the scheduled dates.

C. State Liaison - not present - no report

### **DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

A. Eric Snyder - no report

B. Herb Yardley - In the absence of Mr. Yardley, Mr. McDonald reported on the department. He said tomorrow (4/14) is the day to educate the haulers regarding the amendment to the SWMP due to flow control. The presentation is called the Solid Waste Forum on Waste Flow and Recycling in Sussex County. It will be held at the Sussex County Public Safety Training Academy from 9 - 11. Mr. McDonald said Adam Boltz, Department of Health, is reviewing the surveys done by the inspectors, generating warnings, and advising facilities that are not in compliance. He said many facilities are complying, but they are not aware of the requirement to notify their tonnages to their municipal coordinators; so businesses are being educated as well as the haulers.

Mr. Esenlohr raised a question. He said yesterday a neighbor left a TV out by the road and it's gone today, so he knows it went to the landfill. Mr. McDonald said that type of recycling is under the municipal coordinator; the County is dealing with businesses, institutions and multiple family dwellings. Ms. Casapulla responded to Mr. Esenlohr's question. She said TVs can still be land filled right now. The landfill ban goes into effect January 1, 2011.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. March Grinnell Recycling Recovery Report - no questions or comments

B. Letters from DEP to Grinnell re: Renewal of a Recycling Center General Approval for Class B Materials - Mr. Leitner said this letter notifies Grinnell of more information needed in order to obtain a renewal of its Class B recycling permit, which expires September 21, 2010.

C. SCMUA Monthly Revenue and Appropriation Report – no questions or comments

D. Formal Request to place Back Thru the Future on SWAC Agenda for SWMP Amendment – Mr. Leitner said this topic will be addressed under New Business.

E. Cover letter for the document containing the full submission to Robert Confer, Bureau of Landfill and Hazardous Waste Permitting, seeking approval to Relocate Back Thru the Future to a new location in Hardyston – this will be addressed under New Business.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Mensonides reported on the subcommittee meeting which was held before this committee's meeting. She said the SWAGERS have scheduled a tour of the Warren County facility on April 27, and the committee is actively looking to other alternatives to reducing solid waste.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Regarding Back Thru the Future, Mr. Snyder said this is not a new type of facility; it's simply a move from Ogdensburg to Hardyston. He said this has to be a formal amendment because the DEP is concerned that there may be some apprehension in Hardyston due to the impact of what is essentially a closed facility. Therefore, there needs to be a public discussion of any impact that may occur from the move from Ogdensburg to Hardyston.

Mr. Dan Bayha, Back Thru the Future Vice President, said this is simply a move from Ogdensburg to Hardyston. He said the Ogdensburg building is showing its age, and since they are being visited by customers more frequently, the building is simply not presentable to the people coming out of New York City. Mr. Smith said he was surprised to find that this business is moving because he said it appears there is ample space, dockage area, and parking. He asked Mr. Bayha if this move is more cosmetic. Mr. Bayha said the current facility is 'under electrified'; it was very expensive to try to correct that, and the flat roof on the building leaks. He said Back Thru the Future handles electronics, and water and electronics don't mix.

Chairman Landrith asked for a motion for staff to have a resolution for the next meeting. That motion was made by Mr. Doyle and seconded by Ms. Mensonides.

Mr. Bayha said we have to move our license through the State effective June 1. Even though they've said they can work without it, he is anxious to get that paper from here to Trenton complete. Mr. Snyder asked for a modification of that motion stating that

we are authorized to move it as expeditiously as possible. Mr. Doyle made that amended motion; Ms. Mensonides seconded; all were in favor; none opposed.

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None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to be discussed at this time and a motion was made by Ms. Mensonides to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Armeno and carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.