

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2011

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
Virgil Rome, Fredon Township
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Richard Fenimore, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough
John Armeno, At-Large

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

An error was noted on Page 2, A-SCMUA Update, second paragraph, third sentence. "Watering pumps" should read, "dewatering pumps." A motion was made by Howard Baker to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2011 and corrected. The motion was seconded by Allen Esenlohr. All were in favor, with abstentions from William Koellhoffer, Virgil Rome, Ken Jaekel and Stephanie Pizzulo. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Landrith established that if an Agenda and package is not out to the members by close of business on the Friday before the meeting, that the meeting is thereby cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO PERMIT SCMUA TO PURSUE AN RD&D PROJECT TO ALLOW FOR THE UTILIZATION OF AUTOMATIC TARPING SYSTEM DEPLOYMENT AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR INTERMEDIATE COVER MATERIAL:

Tom Varro said DEP regulations have a definition for cover material and requires it to be clean dirt soil. On a daily basis you are supposed to cover the trash and solid waste in place with six inches of daily cover and then for any period that exceeds 24 hours, you are required to put in 12 inches. The SCMUA received approval to use tarps as an alternative daily cover on the work base as a slope. This procedure saves landfill space and is cost effective. To make it from Saturday to the following Monday, they must put on 12 inches of soil. This is a DEP requirement and it uses up approximately 226 cubic yards of material. It is an expensive effort and takes a lot of work from staff. It also puts a lot of clean dirt into the landfill, taking up valuable space.

For about six years, DEP has been saying they are going to rewrite the regulations. SCMUA's Facilities Permit was up for renewal last year. DEP suggested they put in a request for the utilization of automatic tarping system deployment as an alternative for intermediate cover material in their Facilities Permit renewal and they will considerate it. The Facilities Permit was submitted about May or June of 2010 and the request for tarping was denied.

There is a Research Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Project which allows for special consideration by DEP that exempts permitting. Since 2003, SCMUA has been using an automatic tarping system. (He provided photographs of the system to the members.) The tarping system deploys 25' wide by 100' long tarps and adequately covers the work face. They have chain link and wiring in them to keep them weighted down. In order for them to get an RD&D, it has to be consistent with the County's Solid Waste Management Plan. They are asking for an Administrative Action since the RD&D is not in their permit but they would like to pursue it with DEP. SCMUA would like to get a series of one or two year approvals so that it is consistent with their Solid

Waste Facility's permit. They need to demonstrate to DEP that it meets their standards for cover material.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides that PAC permit SCMUA to pursue an RD&D Project with DEP. The motion was seconded by Allen Esenlohr and carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro reported that the SCMUA total tonnage year to date, December 1 through April 9, is 32,209 tons. That figure is up 15.4% for the same time period in 2010. They are still comparing flow control to non-flow control. The blended average tip fee is \$95.39. Compared to the tip fee one year ago that is a reduction of 5%. This is due to the funding that Senator Oroho procured for the facility. It was used to subsidize the higher rate that would have been necessary. ID-10 rates were reduced from \$109 to \$89 per ton. Looking back at the costs compared to two years ago, it is a 13.4% increase. When asked, Mr. Varro said they are on course to make the projected tonnage. He hopes to receive more State funding from the Senator.

Mr. Varro said he was asked to provide numbers on closure and post closure care and potentially a transfer station. He said they are getting ready to finalize their closure and post closure care fund analysis and he may have some information for PAC in the near future.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Rene Casapulla provided PAC with the SCMUA 2011 pamphlets for recycling programs in Sussex County. She requested that each municipal representative here this evening take a packet to their town hall for distribution.

There are a number of spring programs going on. The first electronic recycling event was on March 19. About 43 tons of material was collected. This is part of the 2011 E-Waste program for Sussex County. Three more free collection events are planned and are listed in the pamphlet. A number of municipalities have contacted the company that SCMUA has contracted with to have E-Waste collection at their municipal drop off centers or through their municipal one day events. Some of the towns that are involved are Andover Township, Newton, Vernon, Hardyston, Sparta and Byram. This offers residents of the county numerous opportunities to properly recycle various electronics material.

They have also launched their 2011 boat shrink wrap program. More information was provided in the form of handouts. This is their 4th year of the boat shrink wrap recycling program. There are two collection locations, Danforth's in Ogdensburg and

at the MUA. Ms. Casapulla said that every marina and/or boat store in the county has been informed of the program and are participating in it in one form or another.

The County is having a medical prescription take back day on April 30. The collection locations are at Wal Marts, some local grocery stores and pharmacies, police departments and the MUA.

SCMUA will hold its 6th Annual Earth Day event on May 6. The date is not actually on Earth Day because a number of schools have conflicting weeks off for spring break. The event is typically an educational forum and schools are invited.

The next Electronic Recycling event is scheduled for May 14 and the first of two Household Hazardous Waste Days is on June 4.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State representative did not attend this evening's meeting.

D. SWAGGER REPORT:

Eleanor Mensonides made a formal request the MUA for information on the feasibility of using it as a transfer station. What will be required to bring it up to specification? Is this something that they are interested in doing? She also asked about having storage for the recycling material either attached to it or near it so that materials can be stored before transporting it, thereby saving money in transportation fees and perhaps making money on the materials. Eric Snyder requested that the information be available at the next PAC meeting. James Landrith asked for a list of tasks that would be involved even if the costs are not included yet.

Ms. Mensonides said they also need information on using solar equipment as another source for energy. She invited all members of SWAC to join SWAGER at 6:30 on the night of the PAC meetings. Eric suggested that the SWAGER meetings be "noticed" with the media.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder did not have anything to report this evening.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Jim McDonald reported that one of the reports the Health Department sent out on work relating to Solid Waste Activities from 2006 to 2011 started with 50-80 inspections and went to almost 1,000 for last year, triple the amount from the year before. He attributes this to recycling and the grant objectives with the MUA. Within the last three months the Health Department lost three staff members with no replacements.

Tom Varro brought up the fact that at last month's meeting Ross Hull said Morris County and Sussex County were improperly enforcing waste flow. Mr. Hull said he was told by Jim McDonald that if somebody is taking a load of solid waste that was generated in Sussex County out of county and says they are going to a recycling facility, unless they have proof, they would get a notice of violation. Mr. McDonald said that as far as the Health Department is aware of in their plan, there are only two places material can go, the County facility or Grinnell. He said he looked to guidance from County Counsel and the State regarding the County's plan and he did not receive an answer. Mr. Varro suggested that either a Health Department superior or County Counsel get a clarification from DEP. Mr. Hull said if a hauler contests a Notice of Violation, DEP will side with the hauler. Mr. Varro is concerned about the ramifications of having a flow control violation overturned in the media.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. MONTHLY REVENUE REPORTS:
- B. SCMUA MONTHLY REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT:
- C. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LANDFILL PERMIT FOR SCMUA:
- D. MONTHLY GRINNELL FIGURES:

Neal Leitner said he just received the latest monthly figures for Grinnell today. They will be included in the mailing for next month.

Eleanor Mensonides advised Richard Fenimore that she is looking for more information on Grinnell's reports, specifically on collections from Vernon Township. Eric Snyder said Jared Cofrancesco said he would come before PAC and later said he needed to postpone. When asked if Grinnell prepares separate reports for the towns, Mr. Fenimore said there is a separate report that goes to each town from the MRF and that Vernon gets bi-monthly reports. He was surprised that the stone and brush were not included on the report. Tom Varro said the brush is not on the MRF report, it is a separate operation. Ms. Mensonides said that material should be accounted for and asked Mr. Fenimore to follow up on her request.

- E. INVENTORY REQUEST TO MAYORS FOR LISTS OF BROWNFIELDS:

DEP is putting together a list of brownfield sites in the State. He requested that the municipal representatives take this information back to their towns.

- F. SOCIAL SERVICES GENERAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION:
- G. WRITTEN REQUEST FROM SCMUA REQUESTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION FROM SWAC:

OLD BUSINESS:

Eric Powell said that residents from Sparta called his office regarding taking vegetative waste to SCMUA. One resident tried to bring the material into SCMUA in a pickup truck and he was charged a fee. Mr. Powell said he was asked to get clarification on whether non-commercial pickup trucks are treated as a commercial business vehicle.

Mr. Varro said non-commercial pickup trucks are treated as a pickup truck which does not fall under the exemption. It does cost SCMUA money to process the material and they are trying to give free services to the typical homeowner. Their rate schedule says "de minimus amounts" and a pickup truck, by its own nature is not de minimus. Renee Casapulla said the charge is only two cents per pound and that they are able to take as much mulch as they want for free.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eleanor Mensonides. The motion was seconded by Allan Esenlohr and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.