

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:31 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  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township  
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton  
Eric Powell, Sparta Township  
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough  
Richard Fenimore, At-Large  
Donald Ploetner, At-Large  
Richard Vohden, Freeholder Liaison

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
Annette Stendor, Sussex Borough

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 Howard Baker to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2013. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen. All were in favor, with abstentions from Gary Larson, Stephanie Pizzulo, Ken Jaekel, Eric Powell, Don Drake and Richard Fenimore. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. SCMUA AMENDMENT TO SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The SCMUA Application for an Amendment to the Sussex County Solid Waste Management Plan was distributed to SWAC prior to this evening's meeting. SWAC heard presentations from SCMUA and SCMUA's Consultant, Cornerstone Engineering Group, LLC in October and November 2012.

Tom Varro gave a brief summarization of this project for a horizontal and vertical expansion of the existing solid waste landfill. There are six different stages which will allow the facility to grow and expand as future county waste production dictates. The staged construction will also allow for transition to alternate technology at multiple points of life of the facility. Mr. Varro reviewed and discussed the Site Plans for the various stages.

The proposed Plan Amendment provides for an overall air space volume gain of approximately 5 million cubic yards for waste placement. Mr. Varro did a breakdown of the increase to landfill life and capacity gain by Stage. Stage 1 adds three years of landfill life and 483,953 cubic yards of volume capacity; Stage 2 adds seven years of landfill life and 928,047 cubic yards of volume capacity; Stage 3 adds four years of landfill life and 481,101 cubic yards of volume capacity; Stage 4 adds four years of landfill life and 489,879 cubic yards of volume capacity; Stage 5 adds five years of landfill life and 680,693 cubic yards of volume capacity; and Stage 6 adds 19 years of landfill life and 2,257,543 cubic yards of volume capacity.

At the time of this Plan Amendment, it was determined that the existing landfill will reach permitted capacity at the end of 2020. Based upon waste flow projections of annual Sussex County waste disposal, this proposed Plan Amendment allows SCMUA to accept and landfill waste up to the year 2062.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Gary Larson to approve SCMUA's Amendment to the Sussex County Solid Waste Management Plan. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle and carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. FOOD 2 WATER DEMO, DISCUSS FIELD TRIP:

Alice Brees reported that she spoke with Frank Florio who said he'd be glad to meet with her and SWAC members at the Cedar Crest Senior Living facility in Riverdale for a Food 2 Water demonstration which will take about 20 minutes. Ms. Brees offered the dates of May 1 or May 2 and asked that SWAC members who are interested in visiting Cedar Crest send an e-mail to her with a date preference. She will then notify them of the date chosen by the majority.

B. RECYLCING SOURCE SEPARATION ISSUE, RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 2528:

Senate Bill 2528 was discussed by SWAC at the March meeting. Staff prepared a Resolution recommending that the Freeholders oppose this Bill and it was distributed to SWAC prior to this evening's meeting.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Howard Baker to approve the Resolution to oppose Senate Bill 2528. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen.

Renee Casapulla said the Association of New Jersey Recyclers met with Senator Smith on April 7. The guidance was not to oppose the Bill, but provide constructive opinions and other alternatives to the Bill. Resolutions which have been sent in seem to address mainly the economic concerns and educational impact of not having the separation of recycling from the solid waste at educational institutions such as public schools. She suggested an additional "Whereas," to the Resolution. Ms. Casapulla read the "Whereas" paragraph and suggested that it follow the third "Whereas." She read, "Whereas, academic institutions, including public and private schools and colleges, who mix garbage and recyclables is a reversal or commonly taught conservation practices, and detrimental to educational efforts for developing environmental preservation goals among Sussex County students."

A motion was made by Howard Baker to approve the Resolution to oppose Senate Bill 2528 with the inclusion of the "Whereas" noted above. The motion was seconded by Gary Larson and carried unanimously.

A member suggested that this additional language be shared with other Counties. Ms. Casapulla said that it was.

Last month, Ms. Casapulla talked about the 2013 State Budget which does not have any funds for State Recycling. She said there is great concern among the Counties regarding this and that many environmental groups have met with State officials. Since then, there was a decision to restructure the funding in the budget to help correct this. They are transferring the \$21.6 million from the General Fund to the Recycling Fund prior to July 1 (the beginning of the Fiscal Year.) The General Fund will collect money from the Recycling Fund throughout the year to reimburse it. She recommends that SWAC wait another month to see if anything comes of it in writing and then discuss this again to see if SWAC wants to follow-up with a letter or Resolution.

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro said since there was a lengthy discussion about the SCMUA Amendment to the County Solid Waste Management Plan, he would not give a SCMUA update.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla reported that on March 16, SCMUA had its first Electronic Recycling Event. There were 1,500 cars entering the facility for this event with 46.64 tons collected. The next Electronic Recycling Event is scheduled for May 4.

SCMUA is holding its 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day on Thursday, April 25 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. They expect 400-500 students from Sussex County schools from Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Ms. Casapulla added that Certified Recycling Professionals will get continuing education credits if they volunteer to help with this event.

April 27 is the first Countywide Prescription Disposal Day. The collection takes place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at a number of drop-off locations which are manned by local law enforcement agencies. They are the Andover Township Police Department, Byram Shoprite, Hamburg Police Department, the MUA in Lafayette and the Newton Shoprite. Sussex County has been very proactive in starting up a number of permanent drop-off locations for prescription medications: the State Police Barracks in Augusta and the Hopatcong, Newton and Sparta Police Departments. These programs are run by the Center for Prevention and Counseling.

The 6<sup>th</sup> annual boat shrink-wrap collection program is being held from March 31<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Boat shrink-wrap from local marinas and boat stores in Sussex County may be delivered to SCMUA, Monday - Saturday, from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Danforth's Inc. in Ogdensburg, Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

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 said he did not have anything new to report.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Maureen Theese, Health Department said to date in 2013 there were 82 solid waste containers inspected with 17 waste flow closures; 14 garbage truck routes inspected (all have been closed.) There were 10 container-related Notices of Violation: one with a damaged gate; one without a company name; 1 without markings other than NJDEP#; four without current decals; two for waste flow; and one for severe corrosion. Since January 1, 2013, there were three penalty assessments and two NJDEP referred investigations, which have both been closed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. SOLID WASTE TRANSFER STATION PERMIT RENEWAL, DEP, 3/4/13:
- B. REQUEST FROM SPARTA FOR EMPORARY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT AREA, DEP, 3/11/13:
- C. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION REPORT, SCMUA, 3/11/13:
- D. SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTER MONTHLY DISPOSAL REPORT, EQ NORTHEAST, INC., 4/1/13:
- E. GRINNELL MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2013 GRINNELL RECYCLING, 4/4/13:

Alice Brees briefly summarized each of the Correspondence Items listed above.

**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 Renee Casapulla and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.