

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 10, 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  
Bob Smith, Andover Township  
William Koellhoffer, Byram Township  
Richard Pumphrey, Frankford Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township  
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton  
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough  
Richard Fenimore, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: John Armeno, At-Large

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

Minutes were not available.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

Chairman Landrith expressed his condolences to Neal Leitner who has been out due to a death in his family.

He also advised the Council that longtime SWAC member, Bill Sanford recently passed away.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro reported that the SCMUA tonnage from December 1, 2010 through April 30, 2011 is 38,410 tons through the facility. Over the same period a year ago, it was 33,472 tons. This represents a 14.8% increase this year over the prior year.

The current tip fee, which is a blended rate, is \$95.78 per ton, compared to last year at this time, it is a decrease of 4.6%. This is due to the fact that they received State Funding and they were able to lower the tip fees. Compared to two years ago, there is a 13.9 increase from the tip fee.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla said the 2010 Municipal Tonnage Reports were due April 30 to be submitted to DEP. At this time all but five municipalities have submitted the report. The municipalities that have not submitted the report may have submitted the report to DEP and did copy her. The figures appear to be on track to the 2009 figures.

Earth Energy Day was celebrated at the SCMUA last Friday. She thanked all those who participated in the program, including Ag Choice, Energenics, Eastern Propane, Mad Science of Morris and Sussex Counties, Northern New Jersey Catchers, Operation Quiet Comfort, Sussex County Department of Health and Environmental Services, Sussex County Haz Mat, Sussex County Mosquito Control, Trans Options, East Coast Alternative Energy and the Wallkill River Wildlife Refuge Friends Group. She also thanked all those who took the time to attend to the event. There were over 400 students from seven schools, including High Point Regional High School, Frankford Township School, Miriam Avenue School, Reverend Brown School, St. Joseph School, Wantage Township School and Sussex Technical School.

This Saturday will be the second E-Waste Collection Day at the SCMUA. They promoted the program through typical media and E-bulletins which were sent out to SWAC Members and the Sussex County website. They are also using Facebook and Twitter.

C. STATE LIAISON:

None

D. SWAGGER REPORT:

Eleanor Mensonides asked Tom Varro if he was able to obtain any information regarding the Transfer Station. Mr. Varro said they are working on it and said he hoped to have it next month. It has to go through the Commissioners first. They have a meeting next Wednesday.

Ms. Mensonides said SWAGGER has also been discussing solar power. She has a report that she will e-mail to the members.

SWAGGER will meeting again next month at 6:30 and she invited any members who were interested to participate.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder reported that he received copies of Hampton's Ordinances on source separation and recycling. Hampton was one of two towns that had not submitted their report.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Jim McDonald apologized to Renee Casapulla for not being able to attend the Earth Energy Day. He said he was not able to attend due to illness. He thanked Ms. Casapulla for her help in medical waste handling. He was in charge of disposing medical waste from the Medical Examiner's Office.

The Container Form was amended to say that Construction Demolition may go to Grinnell. Grinnell will maintain the containers similar to what the MUA does. Mr. Boltz is investigating the waste company for Weldon. The residual waste from Weldon Quarry was not being brought to the MUA; there was only one container brought in during the last quarter.

There was an enforcement action against a hauler for illegally dumping. There was a container on a site and when the property owner did not pay them, they chose to dump the material back on the property and onto part of Route 206. Both the property owner and the waste hauler were cited. The property owner cleaned up the waste since then.

Mr. McDonald said he will also look into Interstate Waste because they reported that five tons of ID-10 left Sussex County.

Jo-Ann Williamson asked how often the containers in Montague are checked. Mr. McDonald said they are checked as often as they can, which is not that often. (The Health Department lost two inspectors.) Ms. Williamson said that it is the municipalities on either end of the County that would be most suspect of taking waste out of the County. She suggested they take a more intense look at those municipalities. Mr. McDonald said there are several haulers who call the Health Department with anonymous tips and the Health Department investigates those tips.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. VERNON CLASS B REPORT 2010, GRINNELL:

Mr. Snyder said from this report, Grinnell is not reporting the collection of leaves from Vernon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Tom Varro reported that SCMUA put in a written request for an Administrative Action to SWAC on April 7. They were put on the agenda and presented on April 12. He said they currently use tarps as alternative daily cover. DEP regulations require that for anything uncovered for more than a 24 hour period, they have to go to intermediate cover. Intermediate cover is defined as clean soil. With DEP's eventual review and approval, they would like to utilize their tarps and automatic tarping system to bridge the gap from 24 hours to 72 hours. This will allow them to get through a weekend using tarps rather than cover material. This is economically beneficial to the MUA is also environmentally beneficial, saving landfill space and extending the life of the landfill.

He said there was a conversation with DEP the day after the last SWAC meeting. Mr. Varro said the MUA has been trying to use a tarping system for years. All along DEP said they are working on a change to the regulations, they are changing the definition of intermediate cover and they will consider alternatives. After years they finally acknowledged that they are years away from changing the regulations.

DEP told the MUA that their Solid Waste Facilities Permit was coming up for renewal. They said to make the request as part of the renewal process and perhaps they could consider it. SCMUA applied in May or June of last year. They talked to the Permit Writer who said DEP could not approve the request under that format and said to go with a Research Development & Demonstration. In a call to DEP to confirm what needed to be submitted, the supervisor said DEP may reconsider putting the request in their permit.

If DEP allows the tarping in the permit, an Administrative Action is not necessary. However, SCMUA has no guarantee DEP won't change their mind again. A draft Resolution was prepared for the Administrative Action to allow for utilization of an automatic tarping system. The Resolution was sent to SWAC in their meeting mailing.

Eric Snyder suggested some minor format changes and then said it should be reviewed by County Counsel. Eleanor Mensonides made a motion to accept the Resolution for discussion. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle.

There was some question as to whether the title should mention Research Development and Demonstration. Mr. Snyder said the title is fine because the substance of the Resolution itself talks about using it one way or another, however the DEP chooses to approve it.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Jason Doyle to accept the Resolution contingent upon format changes and Attorney review. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Howard Baker. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.