

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 8, 2012

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
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
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
John Armeno, At-Large
Richard Fenimore, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair
Richard Vohden, Freeholder Liaison

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Robert Sturges, Montague Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township

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

ALSO PRESENT: Wayne DeFeo for RER Center
Jay Fisher, Ag. Choice

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

A motion was made by John Armeno to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2012. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstention from Jo-Ann Williamson. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION RE: APPROVAL OF APPLICATION BY RER CENTER TO CONVERT AN EXEMPT CLASS C AND CLASS B PROCESSING OPERATION TO A GENERAL APPROVAL IN WANTAGE, NJ, BLOCK 3, LOT 2.01:

Chairman Landrith said on the advice from County Counsel, this item will be tabled to the June meeting. A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to tabled this item to the June meeting. The motion was seconded by Bob Smith and carried unanimously.

Wayne DeFeo, Consultant for RER Center, strongly objected to County Counsel's recommendation to table this item.

REPORTS:

- A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro said there has been a drop off in the ID-10 tonnage. He said Andover Township is down 16%; Hardyston is down 29%; Newton is down 16%, Sparta is down 8%; and Wantage is down 13%. He asked the representatives of these towns to see if the towns have changed haulers. There is also the possibility that the haulers have mixed routes and the figures are not being properly reported. It was suggested, but not by Tom Varro, that the drop in tonnage could be the result of people recycling more.

Mr. Varro said that Ross Hull is preparing a Request for Proposals for a statewide waste classification study with seasonal variations.

- B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla gave a report on the Sussex County Earth Energy Day which was held on April 19. She thanked the County Health Department staff members. Over 450 students participated in the event.

April 30 was the deadline for submitting the 2011 Municipal Recycling Tonnage Reports to DEP. As of this date, 21 out of 24 municipalities have submitted their report. The last three municipalities are scheduled for submission by the end of next week.

Wantage Township decided to take some of their recycling tonnage grant funds to provide a Wantage BRAG (Business Recycling Appreciation Grants) Award to several of their local businesses. The Awards ranged from \$150.00 to \$350.00 and were given to businesses that went above and beyond in their recycling and reporting efforts for the municipality.

Ms. Casapulla distributed flyers about the upcoming E-Waste Event on May 12. This is the second of their four free E-Waste Collection Events. A number of municipalities have also started these programs.

On June 2 the SCMUA will have a Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. The MUA is celebrating its 25th year of hosting Household Hazardous Waste Events for Sussex County.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison did not attend this evening's meeting nor did he send a report. Eleanor Mensonides asked Neal Leitner to send Ross Hull an invitation to attend the SWAC meetings.

D. SWAGER REPORT:

Eleanor Mensonides said that SWAGER discussed contacting PLASCO in California and the Ottawa facility regarding to their waste stream to see what goes into their gasification facilities. Jim Landrith said it will be interesting to ask the officials at these facilities how the process is working for them and to discuss residuals.

There was some discussion on the collection of food waste that could not be heard due to excessive background noise from the air conditioner and the microphone not being used.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder said he was advised by the State Office of Business that Orgaworld has expressed an interest in locating in New Jersey. As a result, we have arranged to have them make a presentation at the June meeting.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Adam Bolz said the Health Department is nearing 100 container investigations. They are focusing on municipalities with contracts. He said thanks to a hot tip, they are

investigating a Type 10 hauler coming in and out of the county. They are also investigating another hauler that left Montague . When asked, he said the waste was ID-13.

Mr. Bolz said they issued six container Notices of Violation, most of which are for markings.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. SCMUA SOLID WASTE & APPROPRIATIONS REPORT:
- B. MONTHLY REVENUE REPORT:
- C. MARCH GRINNELL RECYCLING FIGURES:
- D. RESOLUTUION RE: RER CENTER:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jay Fisher, Ag. Choice said what the County attorney did to the small businessman this evening and then didn't show up to represent the County was reprehensible. He called for action on behalf of the County against him. He said the businessman had to pay the Consultant to come here and that he is losing money by not being able run his business.

Eric Snyder said that Mr. DeFeo was notified that the item was tabled before he came to the meeting. He chose to come here on his own to argue the point. Mr. Landrith added that the RER Center is still able to run his business as he has been all along.

There was some discussion about problems with the timing and completeness of RER Center's application for the expansion.

Eleanor Mensonides said there is an International Solid Waste Conference held every March in Philadelphia. This may be something SWAC members may want to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Howard Baker. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.