

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 14, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Mensonides. 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: Gary Larson, Frankford Township
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough
Christopher Fitzpatrick, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair
Donald Ploetner, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: William Koellhoffer, Byram Township
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Annette Stendor, Sussex Borough
Richard Fenimore, At-Large

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 Donald Ploetner to approve the Minutes of April 9, 2013. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle. All were in favor, with abstentions from Jo-Ann Williamson, Christopher Fitzpatrick and Eleanor Mensonides. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FOOD 2 WATER DEMONSTRATION, DISCUSS FIELD TRIP:

Alice Brees apologized for the last minute cancellation of the Food 2 Water demonstration. Frank Florio sent her an e-mail saying that Cedar Crest had a conflict with the day. She said Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday in the first week of June was a possibility (1:00 p.m.) She will send out an e-mail and wait for responses from SWAC members. Ms. Brees also advised SWAC that an invitation to the demonstration would be sent to PAC members and that Food 2 Water is doing a presentation to PAC on June 13.

B. RESOLUTION FOR SCMUA AMENDMENT TO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Eric Snyder reported that this is the Solid Waste Amendment to include the landfill expansion in the Solid Waste Management Plan with the recommendation to the Board of Chosen Freeholders that they begin the process to amend the plan. A draft of the Resolution was prepared and sent to SWAC prior to this evening's meeting.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Don Drake to approve the SWAC Resolution recommending that the Freeholder Board amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to include the SCMUA amendment for the landfill expansion. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro distributed a chart showing the Tonnage Data Comparison for FY 2010 through 2013. He said April was a good month with 8,868 tons coming in. Year to date (December through April) was 38,460 tons. This compares favorably to the 38,500

tons for the same time period last year. Mr. Varro said he had been reporting that the tonnage was lagging behind, but it appears they are right on track with last year's figures. There are also some revenues that are higher than last year.

A "pie chart" was also distributed showing tonnage by percentage. The largest percentage was for ID10 Household Waste with 72%. ID13 Bulky Waste was 9%; ID13 C&D was 10%; ID13 Bulky at the landfill was 8%; and ID102 Bagged at the Residential Convenience Center was 1%.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla reported that on April 25, SCMUA held Earth Energy Day. About 450 students from seven Sussex County schools attended the event. She thanked the County agencies and Municipal volunteers who helped.

On April 27, the Center for Prevention and Counseling had the first countywide Medical Waste Collection Day. They had nine collection locations and collected 462 lbs. of expired medications.

A Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 1. They will again extend the opportunity for municipalities, public agencies and schools to dispose of household hazardous waste the day before but they must provide an itemized list of materials to be approved by the vendor beforehand. Ms. Casapulla said she will be sending out an e-bulletin after the 19th.

When asked if attendance for Earth Day has been increasing, Ms. Casapulla said they can only handle 450 students. There is a "wait list" which is handled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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 reported that on May 7, the Freeholders adopted the Resolution to oppose Senate Bill 2528 as recommended by SWAC.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Maureen These reported that to date, the Health Department inspected 103 solid waste containers with 43 waste flow closures; 16 garbage truck routes were inspected with one case still open.

There were 11 container related Notices of Violation to date. There was one violation for a damaged gate, one for a container without a company name, one for a container

without markings, other than the NJDEP#, and four for containers without current decals. There were also two violations for waste flow and two for severe corrosion.

Since January 1, 2013 there were five penalty assessments (two since the last meeting.) The two new violations were for waste flow. There were four NJDEP referred investigations, of which three have been closed. There were two CEHA SW Complaints/Referrals, with pending NOV's for improper storage/disposal.

The Health Department completed Facilities Inspections for the SCMUA Landfill, six Class A Convenience Centers, one Class B, two Exempt Class B and one Exempt Class C.

When asked about individual business recycling inspections, Ms. Theese said the Health Department no longer receives funding for this work and that the Health Department it is into the second year of not doing these inspections. Eleanor Mensonides requested that SWAC be advised when funding for programs such as this one is no longer available. Eric Snyder said he will request a meeting with John Eskilson and Herb Yardley to discuss this loss of funding.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. APPROVAL MODIFICATION FOR BACK THRU THE FUTURE, NJDEP, 5/2/13:
- B. EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION FOR MEADOW RIDGE PROPERTIES, LLC, NJDEP, 5/2/13:
- C. SWMP AMENDMENT FOR RER CENTER, LLC, NJDEP, 5/2/13:
- D. MONTHLY SOLID WASTE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION REPORT FOR MARCH 2013, SCMUA, 5/7/13:

Alice Brees briefly summarized the Correspondence listed above. There was some discussion on Correspondence, C.

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 Karen Hansen and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.