

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 13, 2014

The meeting was opened at 7:05 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  
Gary Larson, Frankford Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township  
Robert Schultz, Hardyston Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
Christopher Fitzpatrick, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair  
Donald Ploetner, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: William Koellhoffer, Byram Township  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township  
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton  
Eric Powell, Sparta Township  
Richard Fenimore, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Eric Snyder, Planning Director  
Alice Brees, Program Manager  
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary  
Adam Boltz, Health Department

ALSO PRESENT: None

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Jason Doyle to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2014. The motion was seconded by Gary Larson. All were in favor, with abstentions from Robert Schultz, Jo-Ann Williamson and Donald Ploetner. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

Chairman Landrith did not have any remarks this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. COUNTY DEBRIS MANAGEMENT PLAN:

Alice Brees said she attended a meeting earlier today relating to the County Debris Management Plan. DEP will be invited to attend a meeting to speak about this issue within the next few months. The Debris Management Plan is in response to storm damage. It is an initiative that deals with the DEP Solid Waste Division and the Office of Emergency Management at the State and County levels.

Ms. Brees said DEP sent a Debris Management Toolkit to the municipalities in November. So far, the DEP just has the printed documents that they are still finalizing. In the next couple of months it will be on their website with a template to work with. The goal is to have coordination and planning between departments like Public Works, Health Department, Solid Waste, Office of Emergency Management and the SCMUA.

The Plan is looking for areas to be identified where debris can be held temporarily. The State had to do this quickly after Hurricane Sandy. They are looking for plans to be in place for future storms.

Eric Snyder said the County will contact each of the municipalities to ask if they have a place where debris can be stored temporarily. These locations will be incorporated in the Plan and will be presented to SWAC. This will act as the County Plan with Municipal input.

Ms. Brees said Counties that have a Plan will be able to get rid of debris sooner, 90 days instead of 180 days. They will get a higher percentage amount of reimbursement from Federal agencies like FEMA for costs related to storm damage.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

In Tom Varro's absence, a one-page chart was distributed to SWAC. Eric Snyder said that the chart shows that generally speaking, there is less waste coming in.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla was also unable to attend this evening's meeting. She provided SWAC with a flyer for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day which is scheduled for Saturday, June 7.

Mr. Snyder reported that the E-Waste Collection Event was a success. A member commented that the E-Waste Collection Event was set up very well. Another member said he goes to the landfill every Saturday, and the workers are very pleasant and helpful. There was some discussion about the low cost of disposing household solid waste at the landfill rather than by a hauler. He asked if the County ever considered promoting this to the public. Mr. Snyder suggested that he bring this up to Ms. Casapulla at next month's meeting.

C. STATE LIAISON:

Chairman Landrith advised SWAC that the new State Liaison in Joanne McClendon. She did not attend this evening's meeting, nor did she provide a report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Mr. Snyder did not have anything new to report regarding SWAC.

B. ADAM BOLTZ:

Adam Boltz said since the last SWAC meeting, he met with several Type 10 Haulers to discuss wasteflow requirements. They also talked about recycling and construction waste. The County would like to see more recycling but the definition of Type 10 and Type 13C waste which allows cardboard in construction waste. There was some confusion about how to go about recycling---the construction crews are not interested in separating out the cardboard after it is in the dumpsters.

Mr. Boltz prepared a flyer regarding the recycling of cardboard at construction sites and read it to SWAC. After a brief discussion, it was suggested that the flyer be sent to Municipal Clerks with a request that it be included with every building permit.

At the last SWAC meeting there was a question about peak hours at the landfill. Mr. Boltz said the peak operating time is 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. with Thursdays being the busiest day. The recycling of roofing shingles was also discussed last month. Mr. Boltz

said he called a local contractor who said he landfills the shingles. He is, however, interested in collecting shingles on the side, since he has containers. Mr. Boltz asked if he should advise this hauler to apply for local approval. Mr. Snyder said this would improve the County's recycling rate. Ms. Brees said this would also be something the County can include in its report to DEP as a means of improving its recycling rate.

Mr. Boltz also reported on an illegal dump that was discovered in Stanhope. A forensic investigation is starting using ground penetrating radar. A couple of spots were found which measure about 30 feet thick. Soil logs should be complete by August and then a decision can be made about whether to remove the waste or apply to the NJDEP for designation as a closed landfill.

There was a discussion about the lack of recycling containers at QuickChek. Mr. Boltz said he the QuickCheck in Wantage had multiple recycling containers and suddenly they were gone. He talked to a contractor who has four or five of the large QuickChek's. He said the recycling containers will be out very shortly.

To date, 99 Solid Waste containers have been inspected, up from 73. There were a total of 24 Garbage truck routes inspected, all but one closed. To date there were six Notices of Violations, 1 since the last meeting. These were all container related. Since January 1, there were three Penalty Assessments (none since the last meeting.) There was a Settlement Agreement for Gaeta. (The violation was for wasteflow and mixing loads. There were a total of eight NJDEP Referred Investigations (three since the last meeting. There were a total of 11 CEHA SW Complaints/Referrals (four since the last meeting.) Four Facility Inspections were completed since the last meeting, for a total of 17. All Convenience Center inspections are complete. There were 69 Recycling inspections at SCMUA Landfill (up from 62.)

For recycling, Franks Pizza in Hopatcong and the Nutrition Store in Franklin are in compliance. Waste Management will bring all QuickChek clients into compliance immediately. Franklin Meadows Condo Complex is in compliance.

Mr. Boltz met with the new Assistant Commissioner of NJDEP at the SCMUA Landfill. He also met with Freeholder George Graham which was followed by a A901 meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. SOLID WASTE FACILITY MONTHLY DISPOSAL AND MATERIALS RECOVERY REPORT, GRINNELL RECYCLING, 4/28/14:

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Donald Ploetner. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.