

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

MAY 12, 2015

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  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township  
Robert Schultz, Hardyston Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township  
Nina Fradl, Montague Township  
Eric Powell, Sparta Township  
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough  
Donald Ploetner, At-Large, Vice Chair pro tem

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Gary Larson, Frankford Township  
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township  
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
Christopher Fitzpatrick, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Eric Snyder, Planning Director  
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary  
Adam Boltz, Health Department  
Reenee Casapulla, Recycling Coordinator

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Rogener, C.E.C.S.  
Gene Cirrkowski  
John Hatzelis, SCMUA

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

A motion was made by Donald Ploetner to approve the Minutes of March 10, 2015. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with an abstention from Jason Doyle. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

John Hatzelis said he was filling in for Tom Varro this evening. He provided copies of Mr. Varro's Tonnage Report for December 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015, comparing the years 2010-2015. In 2015, there was an increase of 2/10 of a percent in household waste over 2014. However, it is lower than 2013. For ID13 Bulky Waste the chart showed that the tonnage was rising and then in 2014 and 2015, there was a drop of 22.5% for the first five months in 2015. For ID13 C&D Waste, the tonnage peaked in 2013 and then dropped off from 2014 to 2015 by 38%. Overall, tonnage is down 4.3% for the year.

Another chart showed a side-by-side comparison of waste tonnage for the years 2010 to 2014. Based on the trend, it shows there will be a significant drop in bulky waste and ID13 C&D Waste. There was also a comparison of tonnage reports for 2008 to 2014 and the last two months in 2014, when Cavalier took over, to 2015. The reports show that their waste stream now is averaging about 60% coming from Sussex County. There was some discussion about the drop off in ID13 C tonnage and flow control. When asked if Cavalier was sending SCMUA the residuals, Mr. Hatzelis said they were.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla said the Municipal Recycling Tonnage Workshop was held on March 3 and that 16 townships participated. At the workshop, the town representatives had the opportunity to plan how they would complete the reports for their towns. Ms. Casapulla said a number of towns have submitted their reports to DEP and that other towns are working with her to finalize their reports.

The first Electronics Recycling Collection Event for 2015 was held on March 21 with 650 cars coming through the facility. A large number of schools and towns brought their electronics in the day prior to the event. Ms. Casapulla said that 29 tons of electronics were collected.

On April 22, the SCMUA had their 10<sup>th</sup> Earth Energy Day. The day focused on environmental education and interaction among school-age children. This year, there were 350 students from County elementary schools, grades two through six. Eight hands-on stations were available to them. Ms. Casapulla said that every year they have volunteers from the towns and that this year, Eric Powell participated.

On May 9, the SCMUA had their 2<sup>nd</sup> Electronics Recycling Collection Event with 825 cars coming through the facility. Ms. Casapulla said she did not have the tonnage collected on that day but estimated it to be close to 40 tons.

A Household Hazardous Waste Event is scheduled for June 6. As always, towns and schools will be permitted to drop off their hazardous waste the day prior.

Ms. Casapulla said about two years ago, the American Legion notified the SCMUA that they were no longer allowed to take American flags to be retired. The SCMUA began working with Abby Glen, the pet crematory, which received approval from DEP for a pilot program to retire the flags. Last January, Abby Glen had a ceremony where 800 lbs. of flags were retired. They have since made an application to the DEP to retire flags and were granted approval to do so. Abby Glen is now the only crematory in the State that is permitted to retire flags. They are permitted to accept up to 1,000 lbs. of flags per year from the MUA. Ms. Casapulla said since that last ceremony, the SCMUA has collected another 700 lbs. of flags and there will be another retiring ceremony held the week before Flag Day. Adam Boltz asked if there was a restriction as to type of materials the flags can be made of. Ms. Casapulla said when the flags were burned in an open pit, they were not allowed to burn flags that contained nylon and polyester because they created smoke. This is not a problem when they are burned at the crematory. She added that the ashes from the flags are collected and will be interred at the Veteran's Cemetery.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison did not attend this evening's meeting, nor did she provide a report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Mr. Snyder said he did not have a report. He said he would answer any questions on the Correspondence at the end of the meeting.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Adam Boltz said since the last meeting, several containers were added to their roster. There were 177 solid waste containers inspected to date, up from 97 and 32 solid waste containers were closed. There have been 34 garbage truck routes inspected, 32 were closed. Four new Notices of Violations were issued since the last meeting, for a total of eight. The violations were for container labeling, wasteflow and a small hauler acting as an A901. There were two Penalty Assessments for wasteflow.

There were four new NJDEP Referred Investigations for a total of seven. These were for illegal dumping and there were two new CEHA SW Complaints/Referrals for a total of four. One was for a sharps container at the landfill and the other was for asphalt/concrete dumping.

Two Convenience Centers and 22 DPW inspections have been completed. There were 41 truckloads inspected at the SCMUA landfill since the last meeting. The Recycling audits are pending.

Mr. Boltz advised the SWAC that he has been assigned to cover Hamburg Borough and Vernon Township while a colleague is out on leave. He also said a colleague he had been working with just retired. He worked with containers and identified trucks out in the field. Mr. Boltz said he will have to cover these duties.

Mr. Boltz also reported that on April 29 he received a call from Cavalier (C.E.C.S.) saying that they unknowingly accepted a load of Type 13 waste which wasn't realized until the load was dumped on the floor. The load was pushed to the side and the company was called. The company sent another container; the material was placed inside, a green sticker was given to the driver and the load was sent to the SCMUA landfill. All documentation of the event was emailed to SCDEPHS the next day.

Allan Esenlohr asked about documentation that was provided to the SWAC at the last SWAC meeting. He said the spreadsheet showed there were many haulers who were not taking their trash to the landfill and asked if they were summoned. Mr. Boltz said they were issued NOVs for wasteflow. Mr. Esenlohr said there were quite a few of them and that it looked like quite an effort.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. SOLID WASTE FACILITY MONTHLY DISPOSAL AND MATERIALS RECOVERY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2015, C.E.C.S., 3/11/15:
- B. NOTIFICATION OF EXEMPT RECYCLING ACTIVITIES FOR SWIM & TRIM, LLC, 3/16/15:
- C. LETTER FROM E. SNYDER TO J. COFRANCESCO RE: APPLICATION FROM C.E.C.S., 3/18/15:
- D. RESOLUTION FROM BYRAM TOWNSHIP IN SUPPORT OF SCMUA'S OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE S.C. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, 3/18/15:
- E. RESOLUTION FROM LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP IN SUPPORT OF SCMUA'S OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE S.C. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, 3/30/15:

- F. RESOLUTION FROM HOPATCONG BOROUGH IN SUPPORT OF SCMUA'S OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE S.C. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, 4/9/15:
- G. SOLID WASTE MONTHLY DISPOSAL AND MATERIAL RECOVERY REPORTS FOR MARCH 2015 W/QUATERLY LEACHATE REPORTING, SCMUA, 4/13/15:
- H. SOLID WASTE FACILITY MONTHLY DISPOSAL AND MATERIALS RECOVERY REPORT FOR MARCH 2015, C.E.C.S., 4/17/15:
- I. LETTER FROM GRINNELL RECYCLING, INC. RE: APPLICATION FROM C.E.C.S., 4/22/15:
- J. LETTER FROM C.E.C.S. RE: J. HATZELIS' LETTER OF MARCH 5, 2015, 4/27/15:
- K. EMAIL FROM J. HATZELIS RE: SCMUA 2014 AUDIT, 4/28/15:
- L. LETTER FROM E. SNYDER TO C.E.C.S. RE: LETTER TO SWAC MEMBERS, 4/30/15:

Mr. Hatzelis said there were three Resolutions listed for opposition to the proposed amendment. He said there were four more towns that sent copies of their Resolution to the MUA and he provided a copy of them to Mr. Snyder.

Mr. Hatzelis also mentioned the email which was sent to the SWAC regarding the SCMUA 2014 Audit. He said the most important thing in that document is the \$10,899,000.00 shortfall on their cell closure/post closure care account. This is based on the current landfill configuration and without their permit for expansion. In 2021 that will grow to \$19,401,000.00. They are working to get the permit amendment from the DEP and once the permit amendment goes through and they start construction, these numbers will change. Without the expansion of the landfill, it is a \$20 million problem; with the expansion, it diminishes considerably.

**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 Donald Ploetner and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.