

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2013

The meeting was opened at 7:35 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
William Koellhoffer, Byram Township
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough
Annette Stendor, Sussex Borough
Christopher Fitzpatrick, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair
Donald Ploetner, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Gary Larson, Frankford Township
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough

STAFF MEMBERS: 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:

The Health Department Report portion of the May 14, 2013 Minutes will be amended to reflect additional discussion regarding the loss of funding for individual business recycling inspections. Eric Snyder had said he would request a meeting with John Eskilson and Herb Yardley to discuss this loss of funding. Also, the "second" for the Motion to Adjourn will be changed from Renee Casapulla to Karen Hansen.

A motion was made by Jason Doyle to approve the Minutes of May 14, 2013 as amended. The motion was seconded by Donald Ploetner. All were in favor, with abstentions from James Landrith, William Koellhoffer, Allan Esenlohr, Eric Powell and Annette Stendor. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Christopher Fitzpatrick said he is the new SWAC representative from Hamburg Borough. He suggested a roll call for attendance so that new members can get to know about the rest of the SWAC members. Chairman Landrith asked the SWAC members to introduce themselves. Mr. Fitzpatrick asked if either introductions or roll calls for attendance could be done at every meeting. Chairman Landrith asked if he would like to make that a motion. Mr. Fitzpatrick made a motion to have the attendance taken by roll call. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that tent cards showing the member's name and representation would be used. The motion was amended by both Christopher Fitzpatrick and Eleanor Mensonides to use table tent cards rather than a roll call for attendance. All were in favor. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FOOD 2 WATER DEMONSTRATION, DISCUSS FIELD TRIP:

Alice Brees reported that the field trip to see the Food 2 Water demonstration was cancelled due to a last minute change in location. Mr. Florio suggested that the demonstration be done at a hospital in Newark instead of the Cedar Crest Retirement Community in Pompton Plains. Ms. Brees said this demonstration will not be rescheduled. She also advised SWAC that Mr. Florio was scheduled to make a presentation before the County Water Quality Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting on Thursday night, 7:30 p.m.

B. SCMUA AMENDMENT FOR LANDFILL EXPANSION, PUBLIC HEARING DATE:

The SCMUA Amendment for the landfill expansion will be on the June 26 Freeholder Agenda. The Public Hearing date will be set for July 24, 2013, 5:00 p.m. in the Freeholder Meeting Room. The County will be publishing the Public Notice in the

NJ Herald during the first two weeks in July. As the host municipality, Lafayette Township will be sent a copy of the application. They will have three months to send a Resolution from their Township Committee relating to the proposed landfill expansion.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro said that last month he reported the Year-to-Date Tonnage was on par with the prior year. At this point, they are now ahead by .5%. Total tons to date for 2013 (December through April) is 47,755. For the same period in 2012 it was 47,495 tons. May's tonnage was 9,295 tons and compared to May of last year, which was 8,995 tons, there was a 3.3% increase. The most dramatic increases were with ID-13 Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste, which is currently up 8.6% from 2012, and when comparing 2013 with 2011, it is up 50.2%. There are also good numbers for ID-13 Bulky Waste with a 13.6% increase from 2012 to 2013.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla reported that on June 1 the SCMUA had a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. They typically have it open to schools and towns the Friday prior to the event. Two municipalities and 10 schools attended on Friday and they averaged about 600 lbs. of material per school. There were 875 participants on Saturday with 22 tons of household hazardous waste collected. She expressed her appreciation to the County Hazmat team and Jim McDonald who were there for the day to double check cars.

Ms. Casapulla reminded SWAC that on the third Friday of every month SCMUA collects medical waste, specifically for sharps. For July, it will be held on the 11th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The MUA will be closed on July 4th and will reopen on July 5th.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison did not attend this evening's meeting, nor did he provide a report. Eleanor Mensonides suggested that the County write to him to maintain contact. Alice Brees said that she had spoken to Ross Hull from DEP last week.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder was not able to attend this evening's meeting. Eleanor Mensonides reminded Alice Brees to ask Mr. Snyder if he met with John Eskilson and Herb Yardley regarding the loss of funding for individual business recycling inspections.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Maureen Theese said at the last meeting, SWAC brought up the recycling survey. She said at the end of a Food Inspection, the Health Departments meets with the proprietor or manager to discuss when and how they recycle. They also make sure they have the proper containers. In the past, this was a formal written survey and was part of a program from the State. She said they no longer sit down with an actual survey, but when a restaurant opens, they make sure there is a separate container for recycling. She noticed that most of the restaurants do single stream recycling, with the cardboard and paper on one side of the container. During the inspections, they want to make sure that the cans and bottles are not going in with general waste. They also want to see that the employees are using rubber gloves.

Ms. Theese said the Health Department receives a list of establishments that they must speak to each year. She said that most restaurants are using good recycling practices and the few that have lapsed, are reminded. They advise the restaurant owners that it is more economical to recycle material than it is to dispose it. Ms. Theese said the Health Department was pleased to see that even after the first year or so of not doing the surveys, the restaurant owners or managers are still showing them what the Health Department was looking for when they were doing the surveys.

To date, there were 129 solid waste containers inspected with 81 of those closed out. There were 17 garbage truck routes inspected with two still open. Ms. Theese explained that this means the Health Department has not yet received the report confirming that the trucks went to the landfill. There were 12 container-related Notices of Violation: one was for a damaged gate; two did not have a company name; one did not have markings other than the DEP number; four did not have current decals, and since the decals expire June 30, 2013, they are two years in violation; two for waste flow violations; and two were severely corroded.

Since January 1, there were nine Penalty Assessments, four since the last meeting. One did not have a decal; one had an expired decal; one spilled garbage on a private road; and one A901 Exempt small hauler for providing container waste/removal service to residents. There were eight NJDEP referred investigations, five have been closed out; one is pending closure; and two remain open.

There were six CEHA Solid Waste Complaints/Referrals. One was for scattered dumpster contents, now closed out; two have pending NOVs for improper storage/disposal of stumps and tires; one is an ongoing farm cleanup; one is for garbage truck malfunction resulting in the spill of contents, this resulted in a penalty; and one received today for asphalt dumping.

To date, facilities inspected were the SCMUA Landfill; six Class A Convenience Centers; one Class B facility; two Exempt Class B facilities; and one Exempt Class C facility. No additional facilities were inspected since the last meeting.

Eleanor Mensonides asked Ms. Theese if the restaurants that have lapsed in recycling practices are issued summonses. Ms. Theese said for violations, they assess whether it

is conditional, satisfactory and unsatisfactory. With a satisfactory, they are advised of what needs to be worked on. Unsatisfactory involves a court appearance. Ms. Mensonides asked if the owners are given an “unsatisfactory” if they are not recycling. Ms. Theese said if she finds the restaurants are not recycling as much, she reports them to Adam Boltz and Jim McDonald, who will then call the restaurant owner with a set time to comply. It is then sent to a different department. When asked about the follow-up process, Ms. Theese said she did not know. Ms. Mensonides asked her to have either Adam Boltz or Jim McDonald provide that information.

Ms. Theese went on to say that when they first started doing the recycling surveys, they saw a lot of cardboard in the garbage. She said they are not seeing that now. Most facilities are more conscientious about recycling, most likely due to the ease of single stream recycling.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides that SWAC send a letter to either Jim McDonald or Adam Boltz regarding the follow-up for recycling enforcement. The motion was seconded by Karen Hansen and carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. COPY OF RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SENATE BILL 2528 – PROPOSED EXEMPTION FROM SOURCE SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS, 5/8/13:
- B. OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 2528 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 3897, SCMUA, 5/8/13:
- C. SOLID WASTE FACILITY MONTHLY DISPOSAL AND MATERIAL RECOVERY REPORT, GRINNELL RECYCLING, 5/8/13:
- D. CLOSURE/POST CLOSURE PLAN APPROVAL FOR HARDYSTON TWP. SANITARY LANDFILL, NJDEP, 5/9/13:
- E. SOLID WASTE TRANSPORTER MONTHLY DISPOSAL REPORT, EQ NORTHEAST, INC., 6/13/13:

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

Eleanor Mensonides asked Maureen Theese if the Health Department was provided with a list of landfills to inspect. Ms. Theese said Jim McDonald receives that information. Ms. Mensonides requested that he send SWAC that information. She also said that someone from CEHA should attend the SWAC meetings to answer questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Doyle. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.