

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JULY 12, 2011

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
Bob Smith, Andover Township
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Melissa Dietz, Lafayette Township
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
John Armeno, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: William Koellhoffer, Byram Township
Richard Fenimore, At-Large

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

Minutes were not available.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESPONSES FROM GGI ENERGY:

Eleanor Mensonides said the responses from GGI Energy could have been more in-depth. They produced data from Korea, not Texas as requested. She suggested the possibility of having an experimental unit installed.

Tom Varro said some of the data was older than originally provided and the composition of char was not addressed. He also asked for a process schematic of a facility. There would still be a need for a support facility for the waste that cannot be used.

Howard Baker said he would like to find out how close they can come to handling all of the County's waste stream. He had some concern on the cost of the diesel fuel. Mr. Baker also said there are fundamental differences between the technologies and it would make sense to differentiate gasification and pyrolytic gasification from incineration.

Chairman Landrith said he was looking for an analysis of the residual waste. He suggested that Ross Hull be asked to attend the September meeting for his input.

Eric Snyder said SWAC can tell the Freeholders that they hadn't gotten sufficient information to make any kind of recommendation; that the responses which were received were sketchy and that GGI has been asked for more definitive data on what was sampled. He also said he would like information on the cost to build and what kind of return to expect. Mr. Snyder had concerns on how long the permitting process would take. He said he will ask Ross Hull to attend the September meeting.

Neal Leitner was asked to send what he has already received from GGI Energy to all members of SWAC and to include them in his response to GGI Energy.

There was some discussion on whether or not to have a meeting in August. A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to cancel the August SWAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker and carried unanimously.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro said Solid Waste tonnage from December 1, 2010 through July 2, 2011 was 59,460 tons and that is an increase of 14.7% over the same period in 2010. The MUA is on par with the tonnage from 2008. The tip fee has dropped from \$100.44 to \$97.04 over the same year period. This is due to the fact that in 2010 there was an increased rate for a certain period of time and then the rate dropped after State aid was received.

The MUA received unofficial word that they would receive State aid but it may be at risk because of the budget cuts by the Governor. He will keep SWAC informed.

The Post Closure Care Report may be completed shortly. If he receives a finalized copy, he will send it to Neal for distribution to SWAC in advance of the September meeting.

Eleanor Mensonides asked if the building has been inspected and whether it is feasible to use it for bulk waste or whether it should be used for recycling storage and build a new one. Tom Varro said the intent is to use the building and bring it up to standards.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla said that on Friday, September 15 the MUA is hosting their monthly shredding program from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. They have a new website which is more user-friendly. They encourage input or suggestions on their improvements since they now have move control over the website.

The MUA will be hosting its third E-Waste Event on July 30. More information is in the pamphlet and on the website. There is one more E-Waste Event planned this year.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison did not attend this meeting nor did he submit a report.

D. SWAGGER REPORT:

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder said he received a letter from DEP in response to the MUA's request for an Administrative Action. He asked Tom Varro if he wanted to provide the update.

Tom Varro said last May the MUA submitted their renewal application to DEP for a Solid Waste Facilities permit. At that time they tried to get the DEP to allow them to use the automatic tarping machine as an alternative intermediate cover. They were told they could not do that and were told to pursue and RD&D. Later they were told that perhaps it could be put into their Solid Waste Facilities Permit. PAC approved the Administrative Action and it was sent it to DEP. Mr. Varro has been in contact with the DEP Permit Writer about two weeks ago who said he was circulating it internally and did not have a timeframe for the final permit. Hopefully, he will have more information for the September meeting.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Jim McDonald reported that Solid Waste Activities for the Health Department to date are 191, 109 of those being in this past quarter, 30 of them this past month. He said that this is the period of time where the DEP renews the hauler's registrations for two years. Typically they send out a blanket letter out extending everyone by two months. This year they only extended it for public entities, not standard haulers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. DEP LETTER ADDRESSING SCMUA REQUEST TO USE TARPING SYSTEM AS ALTERNATIVE INTERMEDIATE COVER:

OLD BUSINESS:

Renee Casapulla asked about the status of the Resolution for Bill Sanford. Neal Leitner said he contacted Hampton Township for information on dates of service. He has not heard from them yet. He said he will have the data and the letter ready for the next meeting. He will also provide that information to Alice Brees, the Coordinator of PAC, because Mr. Sanford also served on that Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Armeno. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.