

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

JULY 10, 2012

The meeting was opened at 7:32 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  
William Koellhoffer, Byram Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township  
Robert Schultz , Hardyston Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township  
Robert Sturges, Montague Township  
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton  
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
Eric Powell, Sparta Township  
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough  
Richard Fenimore, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Gary Larson, Frankford Township  
Christopher Kelly, Hamburg Borough  
John Armeno, At-Large

STAFF MEMBERS: Richard Vohden, Freeholder Liaison  
Eric Snyder, Planning Director  
Neal Leitner, Program Manager  
Antoinette Wasiewicz, Recording Secretary  
Anita DeMatteo, Health Department  
Tom Varro, SCMUA

ALSO PRESENT: Debra Nicholson, Esq. for Back Thru the Future  
Dan Byer, President, Back Thru the Future

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

Minutes were not available.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

Chairman Landrith said he was saving his remarks for later in the Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION BY RER CENTER TO CONVERT AN EXEMPT CLASSB/C PROCESSING OPERATION TO A GENERAL APPROVAL, WANTAGE, NJ, BLOCK 3, LOT 2.01:

Eric Snyder said SWAC has a "Draft" Resolution for the RER Center. The Resolution has had some comments added to it. He said if anyone has additional comments, they would be incorporated into the Resolution.

Eleanor Mensonides asked that the words "maximum" be replaced with "not to exceed." She also wanted the specific recycling materials allowed to be listed in the Resolution. Neal Leitner said the Resolution needs to say, "... to convert an exempt Class C and Class B Processing Operation to a Class B/C Recycling Center General Approval." He also said that Wayne DeFeo requested that the Resolution show that Quarterly Tonnage Volume Reports shall be provided to the County Solid Waste Coordination, the County Recycling Coordinator and the Municipal Recycling Coordinator.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to approve the above-named Resolution, with the changes noted above. The motion was seconded by Robert Sturges. A roll-call vote was taken, all were in favor.

- B. BACK THRU THE FUTURE LICENSE AMENDMENT ENDORSEMENT BY SWAC:

Debra Nicolson, Esq. spoke on behalf of her client, Dan Bahya, President of Back Thru the Future. Mr. Bahya is requesting an Amendment to his approval for a mobile

recycling truck to facilitate the shredding of computer hard drives and other electronic data equipment. Back Thru the Future has a Class D Recycling License for an operation which started in Ogdensburg and then moved to Hardyston. Ms. Nicolson said that New Jersey requires all recycling to occur at a licensed facility on site. She added that people are reluctant to ship out their hard drives with the hope that they are properly destroyed and then wait for a receipt. They want to deliver them to a mobile site, see their hard drives shredded and leave with their receipt.

Ms. Nicolson said she prepared an Amendment to Back Thru the Future's Class D License that would enable them to have a mobile shredding truck. The shredded material will be brought back to licensed facility which has already been approved. Currently there are out of state companies that are illegally coming to New Jersey with this type of operation. DEP is working on regulations for this type of operation. Her client needs to submit an Amendment to his Class D License with a letter of support from SWAC.

**MOTION:**

A motion was made by Howard Baker to authorize Chairman Landrith to sign the letter of endorsement for Back Thru the Future's Amendment for a mobile shredding truck. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle and carried unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION RE: PRIVATIZATION OF TRANSFER FACILITIES, PROS AND CONS:

Chairman Landrith said when he gives a report to his Mayor and Council, they ask why they are being forced, through flow control, to pay a higher price for waste disposal. He said he tells them the MUA provides other services besides waste disposal. The Mayor doesn't think this is right and he said a lot of other Mayors have the same opinion. Mr. Landrith said he wants to have a discussion on the services that the MUA provides and what they are worth to the community. Also, as we go further into a transfer station, should those services be expanded or should they be dropped.

Eleanor Mensonides said the debt service has to be paid. Mr. Landrith said he was talking about after the debt service. Mr. Snyder said there will be a new debt service from the Transfer Station. Mr. Landrith asked if flow control would continue with the Transfer Station. Mr. Snyder said he would anticipate that. Mr. Varro said flow control would ensure that they are charging the proper amount to guarantee that they can cover the operating costs and the debt. The debt will be paid off in 2016, but they will have the liability of closure. However long they keep extending landfill life are years without debt service. That cash can go towards the Transfer Station and closure costs.

Mr. Landrith asked if there were services the MUA is providing that are being done by local or private companies that be cut back or if they can save the municipalities money by extending those services. He feels the recycling facility should be expanded because it extends the life of the landfill. Mr. Varro said they will seek the lowest cost

when bidding out the disposal for the transfer station. Mr. Landrith said the contracts should not be long term so that when newer technology becomes available, the County will be in a position to switch over.

Freeholder Liaison asked if there have been any discussions on the route from the transfer station to Route 80. Would they be going through Newton square or Route 15? Eric Snyder said he would like to see them tie into the NYS&W.

Mr. Esenlohr said their hauler, Blue Diamond, now picks up comingled recycling. He said as he drives through the town on recycling day, the piles are much bigger. That means there is less garbage going into the landfill/transfer station. Mr. Landrith talked about the volume of garbage that is food waste. Mr. Baker said tipping fees will rise if the volume of garbage is reduced. Mr. Esenlohr said SWAC dismissed a letter from a private company who offered to act as a Transfer Station for the County. Mr. Snyder said that letter was referred to the Freeholders. He added that transferring the waste to someplace else is a temporary solution and that other options will continue to be explored. Mr. Esenlohr talked about the importance of getting legislators involved. It was suggested that Ross Hull be invited to the September SWAC meeting.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to cancel the August SWAC meeting. The motion was seconded by Karen Hanson and carried unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro distributed a chart showing year to date tonnages from December 1 through June 30. The total to date was 57,284 tons, compared to 59,460 from the prior year. This is a 3.1% decrease. The average tip fee is a 7% increase over last year.

Mr. Varro provided information that was requested at the last meeting regarding ID 10 and ID 13 and what is coming in at the convenience center. Statistically, ID 102, the bagged garbage coming into the convenience center is showing a 0.6% decrease, the same as it was the year prior. There is still an overall decrease in ID 10 Household Waste, which is down 5.1% and ID 13 bulky at the landfill is down 7.4%. ID 13 C&D waste is up 32.8%. The bulky waste from the resident's convenience center is also up 8.9%. Those totals show an overall decrease of 1.2%. Mr. Varro said the mild winter may account for the increase in C&D waste as contractors were able to work through the winter.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Tom Varro gave the recycling report for Ms. Casapulla. There will be an E-Waste Collection Event on July 21 from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

C. STATE LIAISON:

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

D. SWAGER REPORT:

Ms. Mensonides did not have anything to report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Mr. Snyder said the request to amend the Resolution for RER Center will go to the Freeholders tomorrow. The Public Hearing would then be held on July 25.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Anita DeMatteo, Health Department gave the report for Adam Boltz. There was one small hauler interview in June but there have been many renewal inquiries. The renewals were referred to DEP.

There were 19 container inspections. Four were in violation for insufficient markings and expired decals. To date, 138 containers have been inspected.

There was a \$4,500.00 penalty assessed for a waste flow violation for a container in Sparta and there was an unregistered hauler transporting waste commercially. The hauler was fined \$8,000.

There was a large dump site at 53A Sparta Avenue which has been cleaned up. There were 13 truckloads of 100 cubic yards of garbage which was brought to the landfill. Receipts will be provided to the Health Department. There was a report of illegal dumping in Andover and Hardyston. In Andover, the incident was confirmed and action was taken. In Hardyston, the incident is pending but most likely it will be a civil matter.

Mr. Esenlohr said someone is dropping off large stumps on Rt. 517 in Green Township. Ms. DeMatteo said that is something that can be looked into. She suggested that he call the DEP hotline number (1-877-WARNDEP) because then it comes in as a registered complaint. They will assign a tracking number and refer it to the Health Department to investigate.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A. FINAL SWAC RESOLUTION RE: RER CENTER:
- B. DRAFT FREEHOLDER RESOLUTION RE: RER CENTER:
- C. GRINNELL RECYCLING FIGURES, MAY 2012:
- D. HORWITH TRUCKS INC. DISPOSAL REPORT, MAY 2012:
- E. EQ NORTHWEST DISPOSAL REPORT, MAY 2012:

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jason Doyle. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.