

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

The meeting was opened at 7:45 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
Gary Larson, Frankford Township
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
Robert Schultz , Hardyston Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
Richard Fenimore, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair
Richard Vohden, Freeholder Liaison

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton
Eric Powell, Sparta Township
Don Drake, Stanhope Borough
John Armeno, At-Large

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

For the Minutes of May 8, 2012, Tom Varro asked that the last sentence in the first paragraph of his SCMUA Update, "It was suggested that the drop in tonnage could be the result of people recycling more." be changed to, "It was suggested, but not by Mr. Varro, that the drop in tonnage could be the result of people recycling more." A motion was made by Jason Dolye to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2012 as amended. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstentions from William Koelhoffer and Robert Schultz. Motion carried.

For the Minutes of June 12, 2012, on Page 5, second paragraph, 0.4% should be changed to 4%. Tom Varro asked that the second sentence, of the third paragraph on Page 5, "It was suggested that people are throwing away less garbage because the economy is down and people are not buying as much." be changed to, "It was suggested, but not by Mr. Varro, that people are throwing away less garbage because the economy is down and people are not buying as much." Again, Mr. Varro asked that the third sentence of that same paragraph, "It was also suggested that people are recycling more." be changed to, "It was also suggested, but not by Mr. Varro, that people are recycling more." On Page 6, third paragraph, fourth line, correct the typo from "yea" to "year." In the last line of the same paragraph, change .04% to 4%. A motion was made by Jason Doyle to approve the Minutes of June 12, 2012 as amended/corrected. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with an abstention from Stephanie Pizzulo. Motion carried.

For the Minutes of July 10, 2012, on Page 2, New Business, B – correct Dan Byer to Dan Bahya. A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to approve the Minutes of July 10, 2012 as corrected. The motion was seconded by Jason Doyle. All were in favor, with an abstention from Gary Larson. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Landrith acknowledged today as the anniversary of 9/11. He took this opportunity to renew our resolve that the mass murder of innocent citizens will not be tolerated.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION TO INCLUDE FARMSIDE LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN INTO SWMP:

Eric Snyder said DEP is requiring Farmside Landscape and Design to become part of the County's Solid Waste Plan because of the volume of material he is collecting. Neil Leitner added that the DEP stepped in because he has 10% lawn clippings and he is bringing in landscape grass clippings, fresh clippings and perennial cutbacks from other properties. Currently, Mr. Kuperus is not using it for retail sales, he uses the materials for himself or other Kuperus properties. If this is included into the Solid Waste Master Plan, he would be permitted to increase the amount of material accepted up to 9,040 yards annually and would be allowed to accept outside material. This

could turn into a very small retail operation. With this operation he would only be permitted to bring in brush, perennial cutbacks, woodchips and leaves---not lawn clippings because he is already at his maximum for lawn clippings.

Mr. Snyder said the DEP rule is you can have no more than 10% in lawn clippings. There was a complaint and DEP got involved. The big issue with regard to composting is odor and grasses tend to be the material that causes most of the odors. Mr. Snyder said this will come in as a presentation for an amendment to the plan by an Administrative Action.

B. EVERGREEN RECYCLING SOLUTIONS RECIPROCATION AGREEMENT:

Neil Leitner said currently Evergreen Recycling Solutions collects material mostly from other counties. They do not have Sussex County included right now but would like to provide a recycling service for the County and return residue to SCMUA.

Tom Varro said the issue involves taking waste out of the County for the purposes of recycling. He said he believes the Health Department has taken a position that nothing beyond taking waste to SCMUA or Grinnell (as is in the plan) is acceptable. Ross Hull, DEP had intimated that this is the wrong position. Mr. Varro suggested checking with County Counsel.

C. EPA DATA: CONTENT OF MUNICIPAL WASTE AND THE IMPACT OF RECYCLING:

Chairman Landrith was able to obtain information relating to municipal solid waste from the internet. These charts came from the EPA for 2010 and 2009. He noted that paper and paperboard had a very high percentage and food scraps and yard trimmings were low. After recycling, paper and paperboard is almost cut and half and food, food scraps and plastics climb up in percentage.

The second page had a chart which showed the national average for recycling as 33.8%. Mr. Landrith asked if that was the rate for Sussex County. Ms. Casapulla said the County recycling rate is 31.2%. There was also a breakdown of management of MSW in the United States. Combustion with energy recovery is 11.9%; recycled is 33.8%; and discarded waste is 54.3%.

The third page showed the decline in the number of landfills opened since 1988, from 8,000 down to 1,908. This page also showed paper and paperboard products generated in MSW in 2010. Corrugated boxes had the highest tonnage and books, the least.

Page four showed the plastics generation and recovery from 1960 to 2009. The generation for plastics is almost 30 million tons with only about 2 million tons recovered. There was also a chart showing paper and paperboard products generated in MSW for 2009. Corrugated boxes made up almost 27 million tons. Page five showed paper and paperboard generation and recovery from 1960 to 2009. Almost 60 million tons were generated with just over 40 million tons recovered. There

was also a chart for glass generation and recovery for this same period. Almost 12 million tons were generated with only 3 million tons recovered.

The sixth and last page showed metals generation and recovery from 1960 to 2009 with about 18 million tons generated and just over 7 million recovered. There was also a chart for plastics generation and recovery for this same period with about 30 million tons generated and only 2 million recovered.

Renee Casapulla said the website has a breakdown by region if anyone was interested.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro reported that to date (December 1 to September 8) they collected 77,989 tons. This reflects a 5.6% decrease over the same time period last year (FY 2011.) The average tip fee is \$103.42.

On the handouts Mr. Varro provided there was a breakdown of the tonnages by week. For the most part, the percentages are up in the early part of the year and then towards the end of February and into March, it is all negative or holding fairly constant.

Mr. Varro also provided a chart showing the tonnage at the Grinnell MRF overall this year vs. Sussex Tonnage. This is from January through August 2012.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla said in June she talked about the possibility of Certified Recycling Professionals obtaining continuing education credits for attending SWAC meetings. She said she checked with Rutgers, who does the certification, and was advised that SWAC meetings do count for continuing education credits. This will be based on attendance listed in the Minutes of the SWAC Meetings. Currently there are 11 certified recycling professionals in the County. A couple of them represent more than one town.

Ms. Casapulla said the New Jersey Herald puts out a "Green" section now on the first Monday of the month. For Labor Day they featured school recycling labels for their recycling containers. This was a joint program with the MUA and County Health Department under Clean Communities. The labels were distributed to every school in Sussex County to be put on their recycling containers. She asked that municipal representatives bring this information back to their towns and check to see if the schools are using the labels.

On September 29 is Countywide Prescription Drug Disposal Day. This program is being done by the County Center for Prevention and the County Sheriff Department. The Center for Prevention website has the drop off locations. This program will be repeated on November 10. The Newton Police Department will have a Drop Box for

prescription medication. This will be the first authorized Drop Box in the County. Sparta will soon do the same.

There will be a Municipal Recycling Coordinators meeting at the MUA on September 26 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will address the recycling rate that was recorded by DEP for 2010. All Municipal Recycling Coordinators were invited and asked to bring a Municipal Representative with them. Separate invitations were sent out to all Town Administrators and/or Mayors. Wayne DeFeo will be the guest facilitator.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison was invited to tonight's meeting but did not attend.

D. SWAGER REPORT:

Eleanor Mensonides said there was a presentation this evening from another waste to energy operation. They are doing a pilot program in Egg Harbor Township at the ACUA and they are putting in a facility in Allentown, PA. The County was invited to bring some of its waste to the facility in Egg Harbor Township. Ms. Mensonides said this organization will build the facility at their expense and once they determine it will work, they expect a 35 year contract with two, ten-year extensions. This process seems to be a combination of everything that's been presented to date. They offered to provide Mr. Leitner with copies of their presentation so that all SWAC members can see it. There was some question as to whether the end product is competitive with the price of natural gas. It was suggested that Mr. Leitner ask this when he makes arrangements for copies of the presentation.

Ms. Mensonides also said she asked Mr. Leitner to contact a company called "Food to Water." The company takes food and liquefies it. According to the website, it is DEP approved. It appears to be geared for commercial and institutional facilities. Perhaps this company can speak at next month's meeting.

Jason Doyle feels there is a discrepancy in the total tonnage for ID13C submitted by Grinnell. There was some question as to whether their tip fee was less or equal to the MUA's. Rich Fenimore said Grinnell's tip fee is higher than the MUA's.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder did not have anything to report this evening.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Maureen Theese, Health Department gave the report for Adam Bolz. To date, 174 containers were inspected. There was one penalty for an exempt A901 operating as a regular A901. There was one Notice of Violation (N.O.V.) for a container not properly

marked and three for expired decals. Two received penalties. There were 23 Type 10 truck checks for waste flow. They are waiting for information on five of them and the 18 remaining were found to be in total compliance.

Ms. Theese explained the process for truck checks. She said if they see a truck picking up garbage, they write down the decal number shown on the driver's side of the truck, the license plate number if possible, the company name, date, time and street. They then check to see when they arrive at the landfill. One hauler said the truck broke down and had to go back to the facility. It did show up at the landfill for drop off the next day. Ms. Theese said repeated occurrences of this type will be further investigated.

An unknown, abandoned dump was discovered in Stanhope which was inspected jointly by the Health Department and DEP. The owner is to receive an N.O.V. for storage from the Health Department. The full extent and content of the dump is still unknown. There was a large dumpsite in Sparta that has been cleared up. The waste was brought to SCMUA. The hauler received a penalty for exempt A901 operating as an A901.

There have been no new small hauler interviews as they have been applying directly to the State. Three Class B facilities have been inspected: Weldon Asphalt, Grinnell Recycling and Goldmine. The landfills were inspected jointly with DEP.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. FARMSIDE LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN FIGURES AND INFORMATION:
- B. SCMUA REVENUE AND APPROPRIATIONS REPORT:
- C. GRINNELL RECYCLING FIGURES – JUNE 2012:
- D. GRINNELL RECYCLING FIGURES – JULY 2012:
- E. ALL POOL DEMOLITION:
- F. EVERGREEN CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION LETTERS;
- G. EPA DATA:

Neal Leitner said all of the correspondence received was included in the SWAC mailing and is listed above.

Renee Casapulla asked why "Old Business" is not included on the Agenda. Mr. Leitner said this was an oversight and will be included on future Agendas.

A motion was made by Jason Doyle to amend tonight's Agenda to include "Old Business." The motion was seconded by Howard Baker and carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Casapulla said at the July meeting, Chairman Landrith signed a letter of support for Back Thru the Future's Amendment to their Class D Recycling Permit. She said she requested information from the Planning Division and it was provided to her.

Since this will be the only mobile truck for shredding electronic material in the State, she suggested that SWAC find out what is DEP's final amended approval.

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 8:45 p.m.