

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2010

The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Mensonides. 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: Bob Smith, Andover Township  
William Koellhoffer, Byram Township  
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough  
Dennis Haff, Fredon Township  
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township  
Robert Schultz, Hardyston Township  
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough  
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township  
John Armeno, At-Large  
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair  
James Wright, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: James Landrith, Andover Borough, Chairman  
Richard Pumphrey, Frankford Township  
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton  
Eric Powell, Sparta Township

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

ALSO PRESENT: None

**MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:**

It was noted that at the end of the October 12, 2010 meeting, Freeholder Crabb made a statement to SWAC that they will be very important in the decision making regarding solid waste management in the future. This statement was not included in the minutes. A motion was made by John Armeno to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2010, as amended. The motion was seconded by Howard Baker. All were in favor, with abstentions from Dennis Haff, Robert Schultz, Howard Baker, Jo-Ann Williamson, Eleanor Mensonides and James Wright. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro reported that the Solid Waste Facilities tonnage total through October 30<sup>th</sup> was 88,100 tons, about 5,000 tons more than FY09. This figure represents a 6% increase. Flow control is helping. The average tip fee is just under \$100, an 18.7% increase.

The MUA received a letter from the Morris County MUA regarding their concerns that not all of the solid waste generated in Morris County is being disposed of at the MCMUA's transfer stations. The MCMUA is contacting all New Jersey disposal, intermodal and/or material recovery facilities to request that if they have been accepting solid waste generated in Morris County that they immediately stop accepting any and all Morris County solid waste and comply with the NJDEP approved Plan. Mr. Varro said they are zeroing in on 13C, construction and demolition debris.

Mr. Varro reported on the Grinnell Materials Recycling Facility tonnage from January through October 2010. A chart he provided showed that Sussex County is now under 2%. Morris County also showed a lower tonnage.

The Grinnell Recycling Facility has been closed since the end of June. The figures that are being generated in July, August, September and October represent the stockpile that they had on-site that they are slowly getting rid of. Mr. Varro said they do not have in-bound tonnage figures but they made a determination that the stockpile is from Passaic and Warren Counties. It was suggested that the Health Department look into this.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Reenee Casapulla said the Household Hazardous Waste Program held last Saturday had over 600 participants. This included eight schools, three townships and two County agencies. Over 18 tons of material was collected. (The most unusual was a very large snake in a big gallon jar of formaldehyde.) The Health Department had

three representatives on site with HAZMAT equipment. Ms. Casapulla said it was helpful to have them their with their equipment, their knowledge and traffic control.

There is an upcoming Medical Waste/Prescription Drug Disposal Day. John Armeno said the American Medicine Chest approached the Sheriff's Association to ask each sheriff to take a lead in their county in this program. He provided a flyer that listed collection sites. Collection of these drugs prevents them from ending up in water supplies, the landfill and in the hands of children. The Countywide Disposal Day will be held on Saturday, November 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Any additional locations that become available will be posted on the website.

The Recycling Coordinator's Meeting has been scheduled for December 2, 10:00 a.m. at the MUA in Lafayette.

Ms. Casapulla said that she provided for Eric Snyder as the County Solid Waste Coordinator, a summary of the ordinances that the municipalities have adopted to comply with the County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment, the adoption dates for each ordinance in each town and two municipalities that to this date have not provided her with a copy. They are Hampton and Franklin Boroughs.

C. STATE LIAISON:

The State Liaison did not attend this evening's meeting and did not provide a report.

D. SWAGGER REPORT:

Vice Chairperson Mensonides reported that there will be a SWAGGER meeting next month after information is received from ?Cobain?.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder said they are still struggling with the change of address and change of hours for Back Thru the Future. This may or may not need an administrative action.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

A Health Department representative did not attend this evening's meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

A. NJDEP LETTER RE: SMALL REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT AND DESTRUCTION SYSTEMS POLICY:

A letter was received from DEP stating that small volume, regulated medical waste treatment and destruction systems that do not pose a threat to public health or the environment are exempt from the solid waste facility permitting process. Instead the

Department will issue users of such small RMW treatment and destruction units certificates of authority to operate. Sites where these units will be employed still require district solid waste management plan inclusion.

B. MONTHLY SCMUA SOLID WASTE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION REPORT:

C. MONTHLY REVENUE REPORT:

D. E-WASTE DRAFT REGULATIONS:

Howard Baker said he had concerns with Section C-4, certification that the devices that the manufacturers are selling comply with European Union Regulations. Another member felt that they may be using it as a model because of European Recycling Policy. Mr. Baker said they should use the levels and refer to European Union Regulations as the source. He also objected to the deadline dates that were included in the draft document.

Reenee Casapulla said that this effort started in January 2008 and much of it has been available and it is just about done at this point. It is called, "The New Jersey Electronics Waste Recycling Act" and it was effective January 2008. The landfill ban is effective January 1, 2011. She added that it is a manufacturer or producer responsibility program. A manufacturer or retailer in this State which sells certain electronics has a market share requirement that it must fulfill. That is registering, documenting units sold and establishing a collection program to show that they are collecting a certain percentage. Over the past year and a half, manufacturers and retailers have formed themselves into various groups that represent the entire State. They have solicited County agencies and municipalities for their existing infrastructure for the collecting of these electronics.

The rules offer a long time period for comment. Comments or opinions should be submitted by November 15. Then the rules will be submitted as official for publication and then there will be another 60 day comment period.

Ms. Casapulla said County agencies have been paying for this material to be properly recycled. This new rule may be an opportunity for revenue. She feels there are some positive changes coming.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Eric Snyder reported that letters went out, over John Eskilson's signature, to the municipalities who have low attendance or non-existing membership. The letter pointed out the fact that this is a very important time for this committee.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**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 Howard Baker and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.