

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

DECEMBER 14, 2010

The meeting was opened at 7:30 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
Richard Pumphrey, Frankford Township
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
William Sanford, Hampton Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Ken Jaekel, Town of Newton
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
Kathy Little, Sussex Borough
John Armeno, At-Large
Eleanor Mensonides, At-Large, Vice Chair

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Dennis Haff, Fredon Township
Eric Powell, Sparta Township

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

Chairman Landrith asked to amend the Agenda to include under New Business the approval of the 2011 SWAC Meeting Dates and the appointment of a Nominating Committee.

MOTION:

A motion was made by John Armeno to amend the Agenda to include under New Business the 2011 SWAC Meeting Dates and the appointment of a Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Eleanor Mensonides and carried unanimously.

MINUTES CORRECTION/APPROVAL:

Eleanor Mensonides noted that in the Minutes of November 9, 2010, Jim Landrith is listed as being present when in fact; he left before the meeting opened. His name will be moved from "Members Present" to "Members Excused." The paragraph immediately before Minutes Correction/Approval, which explained that Mr. Landrith left the meeting, will also be removed.

The discussion to amend the Minutes and a call for a vote to approve the Minutes as amended were done without a motion being made. The Minutes will be formally voted upon at the January 11, 2011 meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Landrith said he wanted to stress the importance of what the SWAGER Committee is doing. There will be a short SWAGER Report later in the meeting. In the coming year they will be discussing the future of solid waste in the County, which will have long term financial and environmental implications. He recommended that SWAC members stay in close contact with the communities they represent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric Snyder reported that Grinnell requested that SWAC take an Administrative Action to specifically allow them to process leaves as part of their 400 tons per day allowance. Mr. Snyder said that DEP has already said that Grinnell is allowed to process leaves.

Ms. Mensonides questioned what Grinnell considers "processing" and what they are doing with the leaves since they are not a compost facility. Mr. Snyder said that Grinnell has a DEP permit to take in leaves and unless they are going to compost the leaves, he is not sure what they are going to do with them. Ms. Mensonides said she does not see any Vegetative Waste on their report and that Vernon Township is losing tonnage. Jim McDonald suggested Grinnell be asked to explain their process. Eric Snyder said he will ask them to discuss this at the next SWAC meeting.

A Schedule of Meeting Dates for 2011, which included the first meeting of 2012 was prepared and it distributed at the SWAC meeting. The meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Eleanor Mensonides to accept the SWAC meeting dates for 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by John Armeno and carried unanimously.

Chairman Landrith appointed John Armeno as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and asked that Richard Doyle serve on the Committee, along with anyone else that Mr. Armeno wishes to appoint. Anyone wishing to be nominated for the positions of Chairman or Vice Chairman should contact the Nominating committee.

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Tom Varro reported on the Solid Waste tonnage for Fiscal Year 2010 from December 1 through November 30. The total year-to-date tonnage is 96,931 tons, which represents an increase of 7.6% from FY 2009. Flow control began June 1, so this increase is from June through November. Looking at those same periods of time historically, this represents an increase of 18.1% over the same period in 2009.

The tip fee is currently \$100.44. This is a blended rate and represents an increase of 19.4% over the prior year. Revenues were 23% over their original budgeted projections.

Mr. Varro also said that a landfill gas improvement project is underway. They are installing nine new wells and watering pumps in the wells. It is hoped this project will be completed by January. The project will allow for improved gas management and they will be collecting more gas. When the landfill gas energy facility does come online, it will mean more revenue for SCMUA. When asked how much more revenue this will generate, Mr. Varro said it is difficult to translate into a dollar amount but that he would estimate \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year. There was some discussion on dealings with JCP&L.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Renee Casapulla asked John Armeno if he wanted to talk about the recent Medical Waste Collection. Mr. Armeno said he has not yet received a report on the pounds collected but that there was a good response from Sussex County. He believes Medical Waste Collection events will continue every year.

Ms. Casapulla said that Beckey Carlson, the representative from the Center for Prevention said they received 16 boxes (20 gallon containers) of medications. She said the MUA will also have the event on a yearly basis. John Armeno said when he receives the report from the State; he will forward it to Ms. Casapulla.

The Annual Municipal Recycling Coordinators meeting was held on December 6. About 15 towns attended the meeting. There was a guest speaker from Recycle Bank

who talked about rewarding recyclers through coupons. Towns that are interested can use their tonnage grant money to fund the programs. The grant funding is due to be paid within the next three to seven months.

Ms. Casapulla distributed their new Electronic Recycling Pamphlets which has information about the new disposal ban for certain types of electronics. The MUA will still continue their electronics recycling collection program. She will be sending out an e-bulletin about the E-Waste Program which can be forwarded to the municipalities, businesses, etc.

C. STATE LIAISON:

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

D. SWAGER REPORT:

Ms. Mensonides reported that SWAGER met this evening and went over some bullet points on alternate waste facilities. They plan to hone it down to what is not possible and why, and which potential facilities need more information. They plan to contact towns that already have these facilities in their plans or in use to get their perspective. SWAGER asked Neal Leitner to write letters to Herb Yardley, asking for authorization to allow Jim McDonald to join their group and to Ross Hull, asking him to attend a meeting in order to get DEP's input on facilities and timeframes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. ERIC SNYDER:

Eric Snyder reported that a formal letter was received from DEP approving the amendment to the County Solid Waste Management Plan regarding Back Thru the Future.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Jim McDonald reported on the Health Department's year-to-date activities. The Department performed 909 solid waste investigations, including container log inspections which relate back to waste flow. Of 128 containers, 50 were investigated, 33 of which were found to be in compliance and 17 were issued Notices of Violation, 3 with penalties. To date, one of the penalties has been received.

In 2010, the Health Department conducted 330 surveys, generating 198 pieces of correspondence to the different facilities. The facilities were advised of the requirements of the Solid Waste Management Plan and their obligation to recycle. The audits showed that 1/3 of individuals were recycling. The Health Department Inspector, Adam Boltz did 70 revisits to properties to further educate them on the requirements of recycling. Mr. Boltz reported to Mr. McDonald that all of the facilities are in compliance with the recycling requirements.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- A. Appointment of Fredon SWAC Alternate
- B. DEP Certification of SWMP Amendment for Back Thru the Future
- C. DEP Class D Approval for Back Thru the Future
- D. DEP Letter from Bob Martin to Freeholder Parrott Re: Back Thru the Future
- E. Monthly Revenue Report:
- F. Monthly Grinnell Figures
- G. Grinnell Leaf Processing 2005 Exempt Filing to DEP

OLD BUSINESS:

Eric Snyder reported that it was mentioned at the last meeting that there were open Recycling Ordinances from two towns. He said he contacted them and was advised that Franklin Borough has the Ordinance on their website and Hampton Township is in the process of preparing theirs.

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 8:10 p.m.