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SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Chairman Jim Landrith. The meeting is held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, NJSA 10:4-1 of 1975, as amended. Present were:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Landrith, Chairman, Andover Borough
Eleanor Mensonides, Vice Chairman, Vernon
Richard Pumphrey, Frankford Township
Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
William Sanford, Hampton Township
Howard Baker, Hopatcong Borough
Edith McGrath, Lafayette Township
Ken Jaekel, Newton
Jo-Ann Williamson, Sandyston Township
Katherine Little, Sussex Borough
John Armeno, At-Large
James Wright, At-Large

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Allan Esenlohr, Green Township
Chris Kelly, Hamburg Borough

STAFF PRESENT:

Phillip Crabb, Freeholder
Eric Snyder, Planning Director
Dennis McConnell, County Counsel
Herb Yardley, Health Department
Reenee Casapulla, Recycling Coordinator
Tom Varro, SCMUA
Neal Leitner, Program Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

John Hatzelis, Administrator, SCMUA
James Sparnon, Solid Waste Superintendent

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None available at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Landrith spoke, once again, about the sound system. He said if you have a report to make, or a statement to make, please come to the microphone. If you don't want to come to the microphone, then you must ask for it to be passed to you. Please stand up, make your statements but use the microphone!

REPORTS

A. SCMUA Update - Mr. Varro gave a brief report on the monthly tonnages and revenue. Total to date through September 5 for our fiscal year 2009 is 69,104 tons. In looking at the bar chart, the high was in 2006 (94,348 tons). From there we've had a reduction of 7.8% in 2007, down 9.8% in 2008, and 11.9% reduction in 2009 - all in comparison to the prior year. These numbers indicate a substantial drop off in tonnage over the past three years. The average tip fee continues to rise, but this is not enough to make up the difference in the lost tonnage.

B. Recycling Coordinator - Ms. Casapulla said the Sussex County MUA is hosting its fall recycling events. October 3 is Electronics Recycling Day. There are limits as to what can be brought in, and five items per vehicle are allowed. November 7 is the Household Hazardous Waste Day.

Nineteen municipalities have updated their ordinances to comply with the Sussex County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment, and five municipalities are near completion.

C. State Liaison - not present - no report

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. Eric Snyder - Plan Amendment Revisions - Mr. Snyder reported that there is a hearing tomorrow by the Board of Chosen Freeholders on Flow Control Amendments. This is a second and supplemental hearing. All the required hearings have already been held. With regard to the revisions, there were some changes to the original adopting resolution by SWAC and the Freeholders. The corrected resolutions have been prepared and copies are available for members. The correction that had to be made was a typing mistake regarding the date of the SWAC resolution. Mr. Armeno asked if the resolution that was received with the mailing is the same as what you have tonight. Mr. McConnell answered no; the only difference is the date; it should read 7/21/09. Mr. McConnell said he has nothing further to report regarding the Plan.

B. Herb Yardley - not present - no report

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from Grinnell Recycling urging SWAC to reconsider Waste Flow Control - Mr. Leitner reported that this letter came down to the issue of 13C waste. Right now it is recycled through Grinnell; SCMUA does not have the ability to recycle 13C. The issue being raised is if waste flow is enacted, what is going to happen to 13C waste. Currently Grinnell handles all north Jersey counties. They are concerned about being locked out of the Sussex County 13C waste market because it would have to be redirected to SCMUA and put in the landfill instead of being recycled. *A few members asked questions, but the microphone was not used.* It was suggested to Mr. Leitner that a letter be sent to Grinnell asking what they have been doing with 13C. A motion was made by Ms. Mensonides and seconded by Mr. Doyle. Mr. Varro then asked a procedural question. He said the letter was written to SWAC; SWAC made their decision back in May that has been referred to the Freeholders; therefore it seems as if we should refer the letter to the Freeholders and County Counsel for a response. We are an advisory board; we can't act on Grinnell's request. Mr. McConnell said the Freeholders received a copy of that letter, and he has been in contact with Grinnell's attorney. Mr. McConnell advised the attorney that this process has been going for quite some time and Grinnell has been a part of it; it would've been helpful if these concerns were raised much earlier in the process. Mr. McConnell also said Grinnell is presently in the Plan and deals with recycling which is a goal of the State. Grinnell's attorney was directed by Mr. McConnell to do some research to find out what effect flow control will have on him since he is in the Plan and has a contract. It was decided that SWAC should still send a letter of inquiry. That motion was already made and seconded. All were in favor; none opposed. Motion passes.

B. SCMUA's Solid Waste Revenue and Appropriation Report for June - no questions or comments

C. SCMUA's Solid Waste Revenue and Appropriation Report for July - no questions or comments

D. Resolution from the Sussex County Board of Chosen Freeholders authorizing a Spending Plan for a 2009 Recycling Enhancement Act Tax Fund Bonus Grant as a joint County of Sussex/SCMUA effort to enhance recycling rates - Basically, this the Recycling Enhancement Act that would be appropriated at \$3.00 per ton.

Mr. Armeno asked Ms. Casapulla a question regarding the Electronics Day. He said some municipalities are a distance from SCMUA and wondered if towns could hold their own day. Ms. Casapulla said towns can have their own electronics recycling collection day. Byram had one and Ms. Casapulla reported on that at the last meeting. The Hopatcong Environmental Committee has been inquiring about a date in the fall. The only date SCMUA has set to do this for free is October 3. Electronics can be brought to the MUA Monday through Saturday for a small fee.

E. Solid Waste Facility Permit from DEP to Grinnell Recycling for an additional storage area for containers of recovered recyclable material on the west side of the existing TS/MRF building - The DEP authorized Grinnell's building of this facility.

F. Grinnell Recycling July Tonnage Report - Due to the size of this document, Mr. Leitner said only Sussex County was emailed to members.

G. Resolution approving the proposed Solid Waste Master Plan Amendment to implement Flow Control within Sussex County - Copies of the final resolution were available on the table. The only difference from the copy mailed to the members is the date; it should read 7/21/09.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

OPEN TO PUBLIC

No public present.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to be discussed at this time and a motion was made by Mr. Armeno to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Ms. Mensonides and carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.