

MINUTES

ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, July 22, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 at the Essex County Department of Public Works, 900 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, NJ. The Recycling Coordinator's meeting began at 1:30 pm. The SWAC meeting immediately followed at 2:25 p.m.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Daniel Donovan, Cedar Grove
Gerard Shimonaski, Verona
Jerry Imperato, Belleville
Anthony Giordano, Integrity Recycling
Maureen Mingle, Essex Fells
Roger Kerr, Essex Fells
Sandra Berardi, West Caldwell
Russell A. Jones, Jr., Livingston
Mario Bifalco, Caldwell
Kim B. Greene, Newark
Paul Olshen, Livingston
Ben Larkey, BAL Associates
Gerard MacIntyre, Bloomfield
Ross M. Hull, NJDEP
Lou Aboyoun, TLA Newark
Tina Berizuk, TLA Newark
Vincent Puma, TLA Newark
Rob Teeter, PMK Group
Jared Eudell, PMK Group
Rich Erickson, PMK Group
Craig Brandon, Montclair
Jim Corvino, Orange
Mike Onysko, ECUA
Jim Bartell, Essex County Department of Public Works
Don Wharton, East Orange
Hank Asher, Covanta Energy
George Kimiecik, Covanta Energy

Kathleen Leventhal, Maplewood
Eric Burbank, Maplewood
Richard Fernicola, South Orange
Nick Salese, Sr., West Orange

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nick Salese, Sr. representing West Orange substituted as the Chairperson for Jean Clark. He called the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT

The meeting is in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act. Publication of the meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council had previously been made and the public is invited to speak as noted on the agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made from Eric Burbank to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2008 meeting and seconded by Rich Fernicola. The minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted with one correction. The representative from the City of Newark's name was incorrectly omitted from the list of attendees.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

- The Chairperson distributed and discussed the Essex County Recycling rates for 2006. The members reviewed the rates and the impact to their respective municipalities.
- The Chairperson also thanked Covanta Energy for hosting the SWAC and providing lunch and a tour of the facility.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Essex County Utilities Authority/PMK Group

- As part of the Recycling Coordinator's Meeting, Rob Teeter from PMK discussed the following topics:
 1. The Essex County Utilities Authority website will go live soon. The website will include information on mandatory materials, enforcement, educational opportunities, links to municipal and State websites, a FAQ page, and the update to the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan.

2. Essex County has improved its recycling rate from 30.5% in 2003 to 37.9% in 2006. This improvement now ranks the County 7th out of 21 Counties.
 3. As part of the Solid Waste Management Plan update, the County has included language that strongly recommends that municipalities recycle plastics, steel, tin, and ferrous materials, but to not make it mandatory.
 4. By 2010, Recycling Coordinators have to begin a certification series. The next full 21 day series begins September 10 and concludes in June of 2009.
 5. A letter was sent to commercial buildings explaining their recycling responsibilities and notifying them of possible on-site inspections/fines..
 6. An administrative Action letter was sent to the DEP addressing deficiencies. Municipalities have 6 months from the date of official certification from the DEP of the SWMP update to amend their current recycling ordinances. Sample ordinances are available on the DEP website.
- Regarding the Recycling Enhancement Act amendment, Mr. Onysko from the ECUA informed the members that there is not as much money available as originally designated. ANJAR responded in writing disagreeing with this decision.

Covanta Energy

Hank Asher stated that their annual hauler's day will be on Thursday. Safety, environmental compliance, and drivers' appreciation will be on the agenda. During the holidays, Covanta Energy will have a slogan contest emphasizing safety and environmental compliance.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

- Ross Hull discussed issues regarding CP Transload. They came in with a bid to accept County type: 13-13C-27 waste. They are included in the Plan with the condition that they comply with certain DEP regulations which they have not done to date. There is a meeting between the DEP and CP Transload today or tomorrow to determine whether or not they will come into compliance. After this meeting, the DEP will have an opinion on the operation of the facility and whether the County or anyone can direct waste to them or not. Although the DEP cannot shut down the facility, we are not going to say anyone has to direct waste to a facility that the DEP is not in compliance with necessary regulations.
- Based upon the conclusion of this meeting, it would give municipalities an opportunity to express their concern as it could affect taxpayers. A letter was sent to Essex County and Union County saying that the DEP would not approve waste flow to this facility that is not in compliance with DEP regulations. Mr. Onysko stated that the ECUA has been in touch with CP Transload numerous times addressing these concerns.

PLAN AMENDMENTS

Mike Onysko presented three plan amendments to the SWAC Board for their endorsement to be included in the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan.

1. The first amendment is Metal Management Northeast, Inc. at 76-88 Roanoke Avenue, Newark. This is a Class A facility processing scrap metal, not to exceed 2,000 tons/day. This application was previously approved by the ECUA Board of Commissioners.
2. The second amendment is Silva Recycling Center at 100 Riverside Avenue, Newark. This is a Class B recycling center processing concrete, bricks, asphalt based roofing scrap and wood waste, not to exceed 200 cubic yards/day. This application was previously approved by the ECUA Board of Commissioners.
3. The third amendment is Re-Tire, LLC at 110 Evergreen Avenue, Newark. This is a Class B recycling center processing tires, not to exceed 175 tons/day. They would be able to accept tires from municipalities, car dealerships, etc.

All three applications have been reviewed by the City of Newark for their approval. Mr. Onysko requested that the SWAC Board endorse the three applications for approval by the Board of Chosen Freeholders to be included into the Solid Waste Management Plan. All three amendments were unanimously endorsed by the SWAC Board. The City of Newark abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS

Maureen Mingle inquired about food waste recycling and how the SWAC could begin research and education measures on this topic. Rich Erickson stated that at any time, the SWAC could begin education on this subject. PMK could arrange for a presentation to be made to the SWAC Board. Ross Hull noted that although food waste recycling is important, there is no facility in close proximity to Essex County. Gerard MacIntyre explained how his municipality has begun an education process through their Recycling Committee by attending seminars and briefing interested members.

Rich Fernicola discussed how the SWAC Board has grown in attendance and importance. Although the attendance was previously low, there were many important decisions made by this Board as well as knowledge exchanged among municipalities. Through outreach by the ECUA and the County, membership has increased to where it is today. Mike Onysko noted that one of the most vital functions of the Board is to inform members about recycling and solid waste who then bring that information back to their respective municipalities.

Mr. Salese, the Acting Chairman from West Orange asked how many municipalities currently participate in single stream recycling. West Orange is considering single stream recycling. Eric Burbank responded that he believes that Millburn is the only municipality currently operating in that manner. Ross Hull offered to provide contact name and numbers for Mr. Salese in order for him to assess the effectiveness of other programs. These are other municipalities in the South have been operating for some time and could provide some valuable information.

OLD BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESENTATIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Council/ Recycling Coordinator's will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621-B Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, N.J. The Recycling Coordinators meeting will begin at 1:30 pm. and the SWAC meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Bartell
Principal Planning Aid

ESSEX COUNTY
MONTHLY TONNAGE REPORT

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June 2008

Solid Waste delivered to the Essex County Resource Facility/Transfer Station.

Essex Delivered	34,418.180 Tons
Out-of-District Waste	49,022.020 Tons
Special Delivered	421.200 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	19,120.740 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	7.960 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,345.200 Tons

Essex delivered 9,502.980 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 11,369.310 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

July 2008

Solid Waste delivered to the Essex County Resource Facility/Transfer Station.

Essex Delivered	33,113.220 Tons
Out-of-District Waste	48,096.380 Tons
Special Delivered	249.430 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	20,812.270 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	6.480 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,340.020 Tons

Essex delivered 11,172.510 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 11,313.210 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.