

MINUTES

ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, September 23, 2008

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, September 23, 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 2:15 p.m.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Jean Clark, League of Women Voters
Daniel Donovan, Cedar Grove
Tim Monahan, Millburn
Ken Ventre, Millburn
Paul Woyciechowski, Waste Management/Recycle America
Maureen Mingle, Essex Fells
Sandra Berardi, West Caldwell
Russell A. Jones, Jr., Livingston
Kim B. Greene, Newark
Paul Olshen, Livingston
Gerald MacIntyre, Bloomfield
Ross M. Hull, NJDEP
Rob Teeter, PMK Group
Jared Eudell, PMK Group
Rich Erickson, PMK Group
Craig Brandon, Montclair
Jim Corvino, Orange
Tara M. Casella, Essex County
Nick Maddaloni, Essex County Health Department
Michael Onysko, Essex County Utilities Authority
Jim Bartell, Essex County Department of Public Works
Don Wharton, East Orange
Barry Cook, East Orange
George Kimiecik, Covanta Energy
Kathy Leventhal, Maplewood
Howard Levison, South Orange
Eric Burbank, Maplewood
Richard Femicola, South Orange
Nick Salese, Sr., West Orange

1. CALL TO ORDER

Jean Clark called the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting to order at 2:15 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 Rich Fernicola to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2008 meeting. The minutes of the July 22, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

- The Chairperson thanked Mr. Salese for filling the role of Chairperson at the last SWAC Meeting. It was well appreciated. Ms. Clark stated that she is ready to give the role of Chairperson to someone else on the Board. The Board will accept nominations for Chairperson at the November 25, 2008 meeting.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Essex County Utilities Authority/PMK Group

- As part of the Recycling Coordinator's Meeting, Rob Teeter and Jared Eudell from PMK discussed the following topics:
 1. Plastics (#1 and #2), steel, tin, and ferrous scrap were officially added to the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan as mandatory for recycling. PMK noted that assistance was available to municipalities who did not have this program in place. The ECUA will submit an Administrative Action letter to the DEP reflecting this update. A meeting was held between the ECUA and the DEP to address deficiencies in the current plan. Those concerns have been resolved. Municipalities have six months from the NJDEP certification date in order to amend their current recycling ordinances to bring them in line with the 2006 Solid Waste Management Plan update. A sample ordinance is available on the DEP website.

Nick Salese asked Ross Hull about reporting requirements for concrete and demolition material. Ross Hull responded that the hauler doing the work is

required to report material totals to the municipality. At May 1st of every year totals are sent to the DEP. Michael Onysko asked Ross Hull if Eagle Recycling is required to send tonnage reports to the County. Ross Hull said that he will look into the reporting requirements of Eagle Recycling. If Eagle Recycling is not required to send recycling amounts to the County, the DEP could have quarterly reports sent to the ECUA. Mr. Hull has some concerns over the amounts that Eagle Recycling is claiming to have been recycling.

2. PMK reminded all the members that recycling in office buildings and commercial establishments will be enforced. A letter was sent to commercial office buildings explaining their responsibilities as well as notifying building owners/managers of on-site inspections by the Essex County Health Department. Fines have been imposed on a few sites to date. Fines could be as much as \$4,500.00 per violation. The ECHD has prepared brochures explaining recycling requirements that will be distributed to the SWAC members. PMK Group on behalf of the County has met with building owners about the new requirements and will meet with the Newark Regional Business Partnership in the near future.
3. As initiated by Kathy Leventhal and Howard Levison, a leaf summit was discussed as a future concern for all members. PMK will begin putting together the framework for this endeavor. The ECUA in conjunction with PMK will set up a summit to discuss these issues. Mr. Hull offered as a suggestion for municipalities to send bagged leaves to farmers as a less expensive alternative than the current arrangement. To date, PMK has investigated costs for leaf disposal through a survey distributed to the municipalities in the spring of 2007. PMK will soon send out a new survey to evaluate current costs and trends. A County leaf disposal facility will be explored but will be very difficult as available space is limited. Mr. Hull commented that leaf collection and disposal is a material that for the most part, the State has a fairly good representation of what is occurring.
4. PMK informed the members that they will be giving a series of educational seminars on greenhouse gas reductions. It is a no-cost seminar at 7 different locations around the State. The Lodi seminar is probably the closest location for the SWAC members. It is on October 23rd at 10:00 am. An invitation can be forwarded to anyone who is interested.
5. Mr. Onysko announced that next month is the Hazardous Waste Collection Day and the Computer/Electronics Collection Day. Notices have been sent to all the municipalities that they could bring material collected from residents to the County sites that Friday before the events. The County website is not up-and-running. There is a conflict between the website name and the e-mail address. Everything should be resolved by the end of September.

Covanta Energy

George Kimiecik announced that there will be a major outage in November. This outage will be for 11 days.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

- Ross Hull discussed that Essex County has shown significant improvement. Bringing PMK on board as a partner has demonstrated the commitment of Essex County.
- Tonnage grants are 1 ½ to 2 times higher than the last 10 years. This should be maintained for the foreseeable future. There are some municipalities that have not submitted their reports and are missing out on available dollars. Auditing requirements will be much stricter than in years past.
- CP Transload, TLA and the NJDEP have entered into an ACO as of last week. This will be better for the environment in the Newark area. Waste flow over the next couple of years will continue to this facility.
- Mr. Hull reminded the members that the Recycling Enhancement Act states that everyone is surcharged the \$3.00 fee except if the waste is going to an incinerator that is part of an existing contract. Any contracts going forward will be \$3.00 more per ton for everyone.

PLAN AMENDMENTS

Mr. Onysko presented the Waste Management/Recycle America plan amendment located at 150 St. Charles Street, Newark. As a take-over of the Prins facility, Waste Management/Recycle America assumed they were grandfathered into the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan. Since Prins was never approved to be into the Plan, they are now requesting to be included. They are a single-stream facility for corrugated, mixed office paper, newspaper, plastic, aluminum containers, glass containers, and steel containers. They will be operating at 1,200 tons/day; requesting to operate 7 days/week. The amendment was endorsed unanimously by the Board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Bartell announced that the next meeting will be a good time for the Board to consider a new Chairperson as Jean Clark will step down and assume the role of Vice-Chairperson for calendar year 2009. On behalf of the Board members, Mr. Bartell recognized Jean Clark's contribution as the Chairperson of the SWAC. It has been well appreciated by all the members.

OLD BUSINESS – None

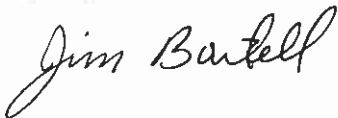
PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

PRESENTATIONS - None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Council/ Recycling Coordinator's Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at the Essex County Department of Public Works, 900 Bloomfield Avenue, Verona, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Bartell".

Jim Bartell
Principal Planning Aid

ESSEX COUNTY
MONTHLY TONNAGE REPORT

August 2008

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

Essex Delivered	29,706.630 Tons
Out-of-District Waste	48,492.860 Tons
Special Delivered	250.900 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	19,316.060 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	7.050 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,314.460 Tons

Essex delivered 10,522.460 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 11,772.210 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

September 2008

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

Essex Delivered	30,249.530 Tons
Out-of-District Waste	51,729.680 Tons
Special Delivered	274.750 Tons
Total Outbound Ash	18,412.290 Tons
Total Outbound Bulk Waste	5.180 Tons
Total Outbound Recovered Ferrous	1,416.930 Tons

Essex delivered 9,909.500 ID-13-25+27 Bulk Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.

Essex delivered 13,648.270 ID-10-23+27 Municipal Waste tons to the NJDEP Designated Transfer Station.