

## MINUTES

### ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, January 27, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 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  
Tim Monahan, Millburn  
Ken Ventre, Millburn  
Paul Woyciechowski, Waste Management/Recycle America  
Brian Frohnafel, Waste Management/Recycle America  
Bill Lehman, Waste Management/Recycle America  
Mike Piltzecker, Roseland  
Maureen Mingle, Essex Fells  
Russell A. Jones, Jr., Livingston  
Ross M. Hull, NJDEP  
Rob Teeter, PMK Group  
Jared Eudell, PMK Group  
Rich Erickson, PMK Group  
Craig Brandon, Montclair  
Nick Maddaloni, Essex County Health Department  
Michael Onysko, Essex County Utilities Authority  
Jim Bartell, Essex County Department of Public Works  
Tara M. Casella, Essex County  
Don Wharton, East Orange  
George Kimiecik, Covanta Energy  
Kathy Leventhal, Maplewood  
Howard Levison, South Orange  
Eric Burbank, Maplewood  
Richard Fericola, South Orange  
Nick Salese, Sr., West Orange  
Gerard Shimonaski, Verona  
Mario BiFalco, Caldwell  
Ben Larkey, BAL Associates  
Carl Turner, East Orange  
Daniel Donovan, Cedar Grove

Roger Kerr, Essex Fells  
Kim B. Greene, Newark  
Karim Arnold, Newark  
William Bartlett, Glen Ridge  
Alexander A. Trento, West Caldwell  
Paul Olshen, Livingston  
Gary Schall, Roseland  
Tom Restaino, Nutley

## **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**

The minutes of the September 23, 2008 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted with one correction. Mr. Kim Greene from Newark noted that his name needed to be added to the list of attendees.

## **4. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS**

- The Chairperson commented that e-waste legislation is close to being passed. County Recycling Coordinators are requesting changes to the bill. They want to make sure that manufacturers take the product off of their hands. It's unclear as to how the manufacturers will collect the material and if there will be multiple drop-offs for each company.

## **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. **Municipal Recycling Tonnage Grant.** The 30 day Desk Audit of 2007 Tonnage Grant applications expired on January 5, 2009. PMK offered free assistance to all municipalities regarding their tonnage data and provided

follow-up services between NJDEP and several municipalities. Recycling tonnage equaled 3,665.19 tons; including previously unreported or incorrectly reported items.

2. **Municipal Recycling Ordinances.** Updated versions that are in compliance with the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan are due to the ECUA by April 15, 2009. PMK is offering to review current ordinances in order to make recommendations. A sample ordinance is available through the NJDEP website.
3. **Letter to Recycling Facilities and Haulers.** ECUA has begun sending letters to recycling facilities and haulers requesting that they report any tonnages from recycled material originating in Essex County. Facilities are now required to report amounts and origins to the ECUA annually by March 1, 2009.
4. **Essex County Leaf Compost Site.** Meetings have been held between County Departments and Nature's Choice/Reliable Wood Products to discuss the possibility of using County property to transfer and/or compost municipal leaves.
5. **Regulatory Update.** Recycling rules were adopted on January 7, 2009 and published in the February 2, 2009 New Jersey Register. The Electronic Waste Recycling Act was approved by both houses on January 12, 2009.
6. Mike Onysko announced that the County is working on an application sent in by CP Rail for plan inclusion. The Board should see that plan in the near future for SWAC endorsement.

### **Covanta Energy**

George Kimiecik announced that they just finished their first major outage for the year. The next outage will be for boilers 1 and 2 consecutively at the end of March or the beginning of April. Ms. Clark asked if Covanta has seen a reduction in tonnage in 2008. Mr. Kimiecik stated that since mid-year of 2008, the tonnage amounts have been lower as compared to historical standards. Mr. Hull stated that due to the economic slow-down, lower tonnage amounts would make sense.

### **NJ Department of Environmental Protection**

- Ross Hull announced that he has the paperwork for the Class B Re-Tire facility in Newark. He needs one additional affidavit from the Freeholder Board and that will complete the process.

**PLAN AMENDMENTS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

The Chairperson, Jean Clark, accepted nominations for Chairperson. There are 2 nominees, Richard Fernicola and Nicolas Salese Sr. Jean Clark confirmed that there is a quorum. By raised hands, a vote was taken for each nominee. This is a 2-year term for the new Chairperson.

Richard Fernicola – 8 votes

Nicolas Salese Sr. – 1 vote

Mr. Fernicola was elected as the new Chairperson for the SWAC Board. Mr. Fernicola thanked the Board for voting for him. He stated that he is always available if anyone needs to reach out to him.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Bartell asked each member to take a copy of their township letter asking for appointments to the SWAC Board. If there is a letter for your municipality, that means the County has not received an appointment from the mayor's office. If the SWAC members could urge their officials to appoint a designee to the Board it would be greatly appreciated.

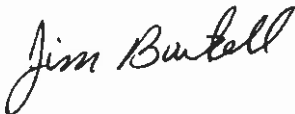
**PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**PRESENTATIONS - None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at hand, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Council/ Recycling Coordinator's Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 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,



Jim Bartell  
Principal Planning Aid