

MINUTES

ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting - Tuesday, July 28, 2009

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council was held on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at Garibaldi Hall located at the Essex County Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ.. The Recycling Coordinator's meeting began at 12:45 pm. The SWAC meeting immediately followed at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING

Jean Clark, League of Women Voters
Ben Larkey, Waste Management Green Squad
Mario Bifalco, Caldwell
Russell A. Jones, Jr., Livingston
Rob Teeter, PMK Group
Jared Eudell, PMK Group
Rich Erickson, PMK Group
Michael Onysko, Essex County Utilities Authority
Don Wharton, East Orange
George Kimiecik, Covanta Energy
Richard Fernicola, South Orange
Nick Salese, Sr., West Orange
Gerard Shimonaski, Verona
Kim B. Greene, Newark
Patty Davis, Nutley
JoAnn Dunleany, Nutley
Joseph Petti, Nutley
Hank Asher, Covanta Energy
Salvatore Ferraro, Nutley
Eric Burbank, Maplewood
Gerald MacIntyre, Bloomfield
Tim Monaham, Millburn
Sandra Berardi, West Caldwell
Paul Olshen, Livingston
William Bartlett, Glen Ridge
Daniel Donovan, Cedar Grove
Ross M. Hull, NJDEP
Kathleen Leventhal, Maplewood
Howard Levison, South Orange
Lance Webb, Orange
Craig Brandon, Montclair
Roger Keer, Essex Fells
Ken Ventyre, Millburn

Elizabeth Baker, Glen Ridge
Dirk Philips, Ridgewood Avenue School, Glen Ridge
Najla T. Fareed, Newark Public Schools
Art Pierfy, Rockaway Township Board of Education
Megan Giulianelli, Glen Ridge

The Recycling Coordinators meeting began at 12:45 p.m. and adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Prior to the Recycling Coordinators meeting, a presentation was given by representatives of school districts that have successfully incorporated a recycling program in their schools. The panel explained how their program was developed and implemented throughout the schools. The panel also informed SWAC members of the hurdles they had to overcome. A question and answer session took place.

The presenters were as follows:

Najla T. Fareed, Newark Public School System
Megan Giulianelli, working with the Glen Ridge School System
Knadya O'Kelly, East Orange School District
Maria Johnson, Instructor, Gargen Parks Academy, East Orange
Jennifer Kotkin, Middle School Dean, Saint Philips Academy, Newark, NJ
Art Pierfy, Rockaway Township Board of Education

1. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Fernicola called the Essex County Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting to order at 2:30 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 May 26, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

- The Chairperson thanked everyone for coming to the SWAC meeting and to PMK on the job they did on putting on the Recycling Coordinators meeting.

4. 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:

Mr. Teeter informed the group that the program on school recycling is approved for 3 Certified Recycling Professional recertification Credits. He sent Rutgers the agenda for today and the approved the program for 3 credits.

1. **Assembly Bills.** Assembly Bill A3541 has passed both houses of the NJ Legislature – extends deadline for municipalities to have a Certified Recycling Coordinator until January 13, 2012. Senate Bill S2453 and Assembly Bill A4013 were introduced by Assemblyman Conners and Senator Oroho to read "Designated" instead of "Certified" Recycling Coordinator. There was no clarification what Designated and Certified means.
2. **Municipal Recycling Ordinances.** The council was informed that there are still some towns that have not completed the update to their municipal ordinances which was to be completed by April 15. If the ordinance is at the approval stage, please keep on top of it to get done.

Essex County Utilities Authority

Mr. Onysko said that at the last meeting Jean Clark had asked if the rail facility paid the \$3.00 tax, and he stated that they did but he had spoken wrong. Since the facility is exempt, it is the responsibility of the hauler to pay the tax to the DEP and if the town is the hauler, they have to pay the tax.

Covanta Energy

George Kimiecik informed the council that a lot of recyclables are coming in with the loads mostly cardboard. He said that the facility is doing 5 inspections per day and sending the reports to Nick Maddolini for review. He also said that the biggest offender is the Essex County Parks department and that the municipalities are pretty good.

Hank Asher stated that the plant was running well and that there were no scheduled outages until October.

NJ Department of Environmental Protection

- Mr. Hull said that he had nothing to report but that he does come to the meetings to answer any questions.
- Mr. Hull asked if the TLA inclusion was passed by the Freeholder Board and Mr. Onysko responded that it was. As for the Silva inclusion Mr. Ross informed Mr. Onysko that it was forthcoming and that there seems to be no problems.
- Mr. Hull told Mr. Onysko that he had seen the request for bids on the commercial ID-10 waste in Waste Management and that was probably due to the fact that the current contract expires at the end of the year. This being said he stated that the contract with Covanta was also expiring at the end of the year and did we put out bids as well. Mr. Onysko responded that right now the ECUA was in negotiation with the Port Authority to see if we could come up a new voluntary contract or an extension of the current one. If this does not seem possible with the Port Authority, then the ECUA would have to go out for bids also.
- Mr. Hull asked how many towns have not submitted there tonnage report. Rob Teeter said that PMK had asked the municipalities to copy Mr. Onysko. Mr. Onysko stated that if he had 5 towns he was lucky, that does not mean that they haven't submitted it to the DEP only that he has not received a copy. Mr. Onysko said that he usually finds out when Joe Davis sends out a notice.

5. PRESENTATIONS - Recycling in schools prior to the Recycling Coordinators meeting.

PLAN AMENDMENTS

There was one plan amendment as follows.

The council approved at the last meeting 126LLC Passaic River Terminal for inclusion into the plan as a Class "D" recycling facility. A few days after the meeting the applicant had called Mr. Onysko and informed him that he had inadvertently put the wrong name on the application, it should have been Whitestone Bridge LLC not 126llc Passaic River Terminal. So therefore the council would have to revote on accepting the facility for inclusion into the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP). Nothing has changed in the application other than the name of the facility.

The amendment was approved for recommendation to the Essex County Freeholder Board for inclusion into the SWMP.

NEW BUSINESS – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at hand, the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Onysko, Chief – Engineering/ Operations
Essex County Utilities Authority