



Minutes

ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL. May 26, 2020 - VIA ZOOM

Call to Order – at 1:08 pm by Chairman Nick Salese, West Orange

Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. DeFeo

Roll Call and attendance was taken 19 people we logged in the ZOOM Meeting, 15 were Municipal Representatives

The Minutes for the March 24, 2020 meeting with approved Nutley made the Motion Seconded by Verona.

Chairperson's Comments – Mr. Salese, commented about a spike in the virus in West Orange

Committee Reports:

a. ECUA – DeFeo Associates

- i. Mr. DeFeo updated the SWAC on the status of the 2020 HHW and E-Waste collection dates – at this point no plans have been made for holding any events.
- ii. Mr. Waterman (Verona) commented that Verona will hold their own e-waste event in the coming week.
 1. Mr. D'Altilio reported on the MTG Grant reminding all that the new due date is July 30. He urged all to submit their MTG as soon as possible and not to wait to the last minute. For those towns that he reviews and signs the report get the reports as soon as possible. 6 Towns have already submitted their MTR.
- iii. Mr. DeFeo reported that ECUA will be updating the current information on Solid Waste Haulers and Recycling Haulers and the expiration date of the current contract, they will receive and email from Mr. D'Altilio with a request for the information
- iv. Members were reminded to update their SWAC membership status and notify him of any new members.

b. Health Department Report – Ted Pilas reported that the Health Department is still doing Solid Waste inspections, with most of the retail food establishments closed those inspections are down.

- c. Covanta** – Jack Bernadino reported that they believe they found the source of the “Pink Plume”. The material was coming from a chemical manufacturing facility. They have been put on notice and the DEP has also been notified. He thanked the towns for submitting hauler and route information.
- i. He also stated that there will be a “Maintenance Outage” next week with no affect on the Municipal Haulers.
 - ii. He said the their new COVID-19 policy of not requiring the truck drivers to sign the O&D forms has been working well. They have informed the NJDEP and suggested that this emergency policy be standard policy.

Old Business:

1. **Status of Field Trip to Class A facility** – Mr. DeFeo reported that he has not heard back from the DEP on the request to hold a virtual tour of a facility. Mr. D’Altilio reminded the MRC’s that the Tour requirement is a 2-year requirement and the tour that we have requested is for the 2019 MTG and the next time they have to visit a facility would be for the 2021 MTG.
2. **Food Waste Law** – Mr. DeFeo reported that the Food Waste Recycling Bill was signed by the Governor. A copy of the Law’s key points has been sent to the members. He also stated that this Law doesn’t have a direct effect on municipalities. The Law is aimed at large facilities that generate over 52 tons of food waste a year
3. **ANJR Membership Benefits** – Both Mr. DeFeo and Mr. D’Altilio spoke about the benefit of a membership in the Association several of the SWAC members who also are ANJR members echoed their comments.

Members Comments:

Mr. Candarella commented that one of his Councilpersons has suggested that South Orange begin a Food Waste Collection and Recycling project at their municipal yard, he asked for input from the SWAC Members on the feasibility of the Councilperson’s suggestion. Mr. DeFeo responded at length on the issue. Basically not feasible at the suggested yard (Flood Zone)

Adjournment – 2:02 PM