



MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL. March 24, 2020 VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

START TIME: 1:00 PM

1. Call to Order – Chairman Nick Salese, West Orange
2. Open Public Meetings Statement
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes for the January 28, 2020 meeting.
 - a. It was noted by the Chairman that the Agenda for today's meeting listed the approval of the January 28, 2019 Meeting. Correction was noted and the Minutes were approved.
5. Chairperson's Comments – Nick Salese, West Orange
 - a. Concern expressed about drop off center in West Orange
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. ECUA – DeFeo Associates
 - i. Report on REA grant issues and tonnage reporting
 1. Municipalities were advised to submit their tonnage grants on time even if they are incomplete.
 - a. Mr. D'Altilio noted that the NJDEP will allow for an amended tonnage grant filing later in the year.
 - b. Mr. DeFeo noted that while it is likely that an extension will be granted, the best course of action is to file on time and then amend later.
 - ii. Update on 2020 HHW and E-Waste Dates
 1. Tentative and on Hold –
 - a. As per the County Executive's office, a final decision will be made on or about April 1. Municipalities were advised to be prepared for either a postponement or cancellation.
7. Health Department Report – None
8. COVID-19 Update on County Actions – Mr. DeFeo reported on the actions to date that included emailing updates to Mayors, DPW Superintendents, Recycling Coordinators, Essex County Solid Waste and Recycling Community and processing facilities.
9. Covanta – Jack Bernadino
 - i. Covanta is accepting material as usual.
 - ii. There is a downturn in tonnage.
 - iii. In accordance with safety guidelines, all tours are cancelled at this time, workers are practicing safe distancing and increase hygiene.
10. Old Business:
 - a. Status of Field Trip to Class A facility as required
 1. Postponed
11. New Business:
 - a. Update on members of SWAC for 2020.
 - b. COVID 19 issues-
 - i. Contracts –
 1. Towns were advised that they should report any problems or issues with

solid waste or recycling contracts to Mr. DeFeo. NJDEP is attempting to track issues and plan for contingencies and data is needed.

- ii. Disposal –
 - 1. As noted in correspondence sent to each municipality, disposal of solid waste is to remain in place.
- iii. Recycling Collection and Processing –
 - 1. South Orange noted that they have closed their recycling depot in accordance with the guidance provided by the CDC and the Governor's office. Bloomfield has also closed its recycling depot. West Orange is considering this action as well.
 - 2. Of the towns closing their recycling depot's all have regular curbside collection except South Orange. The Village is advising residents to keep the material in storage until the facility can be reopened.

12. Public Comments:

- a. Representatives of Atlantic Coast Fiber joined the call and offered the following comments.
 - i. Currently, all MRF's are operational and they intend to remain open.
 - ii. The closing of the Indian market is designated for a period of two weeks.
 - 1. It appears that Indian market suppliers are shipping as it takes 45 days for shipments to process. If the market lasts two weeks, the shutdown should not have a major impact on local recycling activities.
 - iii. As with other MRF's that have contacted the ECUA, there is a concern that clear guidance is still needed for MRF's with regard to the Executive Order #107. It should be made clear that MRF's are essential businesses.

13. Adjournment

14. Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 at 1:00 P.M. Details will be available as to method of meeting as the date approaches.