



Minutes

ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL. July 22, 2020 - VIA ZOOM

Call to Order – at 1:08 pm by Vice Chairman Bryan Cowart, East Orange

Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. DeFeo

Roll Call and attendance was taken 16 people we logged in the ZOOM Meeting, 12 were Municipal Representatives. Mr. D’Altilio welcomed from Roseland Chris Critchett, Gary Schall has retired and from Irvington, Asmita Mitchell new recycling coordinator.

The Minutes for the May 26, 2020 meeting were approved. Caldwell made the Motion to approve. This was seconded by Verona.

Chairperson’s Comments – Chairman Salese was unable to log-in due to connection issues.

Committee Reports:

A. ECUA – DeFeo Associates

- i. Mr. DeFeo updated the SWAC on the status of the 2020 fall HHW-collection dates – October 1st & 2nd 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Full day on Saturday Oct 3rd. He also explained the Draft protocol for the event, a copy of which was forwarded to the members. The protocol is a draft pending the results of a meeting with the Health Department. The towns were reminded that when all is finalized, they must get the word out to their residents especially with regard to safety protocols.
 1. Per consensus of the towns, it appears that access for DPW’s is best for Thursday. Once all procedures have been put in place, the ECUA will advise the towns on how to schedule for DPW drop offs.
- ii. E-Waste Collections will take place on Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3. These will be full day events. All protocols from the HHW event will be in place with regard to safety.
- iii. Mr. Bifalco, Caldwell commented that he has been receiving calls from residents requesting the he pick up HHW and has not. Mr. DeFeo reminded him he is not licensed to do that. It would be dangerous and illegal to do so. Mr. Pilas, (Health Department) echoed Mr. DeFeo’s comments.
- iv. Mr. D’Altilio reported on the MTG Grant reminding all that the new due date is **September 1st**. For those towns where he reviews and signs the report, get the reports to him as soon as possible. Seven Towns have already submitted their MTR.
- v. Members were reminded to update their SWAC membership status and notify us of any new members.
 1. Be certain to forward appropriate resolutions where needed.

B. **Health Department Report** – Ted Pilas reported that the Health Department is still doing Solid Waste inspections.

C. **Covanta** – Jack Bernadino sent a report that was read into the record – the facility is operating normally solid waste numbers are on the rise getting back to pre-COVID numbers

Old Business:

- A. **S-232 Environmental Justice Bill** – Mr. DeFeo explained the key points of the Bill and its impact on existing and plan.
 - a. The legislation is likely to become law. Solid waste and recycling facilities will need to comply with the existing guidance documents on plan inclusion, and when the NJDEP adopts new rules and regulations, the requirements of this bill if it passes and is signed.
 - b. The bill will probably become law within the next two weeks.
UPDATE 7/30/20 the legislature pulled the scheduled vote on this bill from yesterday's agenda in both the Assembly and Senate. It's not dead it just off the Agenda for now.
 - c. The bill will completely change the dynamics of solid waste plan inclusion and will result in increased application costs across the board.
- B. **Recycling Markets** – Mr. DeFeo reported that the recycling markets bill is in discussion and review. Nothing will occur quickly.
 - a. If any municipalities have input that might help on this legislation, please provide input.
- C. **Market News/Bids/RFP updates** – In general, markets remain poor for most materials.
 - a. Contamination rates that rise above 10% are being charged higher surcharges. This will continue.
 - i. It is critical that MRC's work with their municipalities to reduce the contamination levels across the board for recycling.
 - ii. China is closing its markets further. This will increase pressure on market quality.
 - iii. Markets for fiber are beginning to assess moisture surcharges where moisture rises above 12%. This will push municipalities to cart systems to keep total moisture content low and improve market quality.

Public Comments:

Mr. Lee Srokosz, Green Chip Recycling, the company under contract with the ECUA for E-waste Events explained his business and the services he could provide to the county's municipalities. A copy of his company's PowerPoint was previously provided to the members via email.

Next Meeting – Scheduled for September 22, 2020 at 1:00PM location TBD.

Adjournment – 2:10 PM