



MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATORS. September 22, 2020 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair Meeting was called to order by Mr. DeFeo

The Open Public Meetings was read

Roll Call and attendance was taken 16 people we logged in the ZOOM Meeting, 15 were Municipal Representatives. Mr. D'Altilio welcomed Cesare Riccardi, Superintendent of Public Works and Recycling Coordinator and Paul Kittner, Director of Public Works both from Maplewood.

Minutes for the July 22, 2020 meeting were approved, on a motion by Russell Jones, Livingston.

Chairperson's Comments – Mr. DeFeo stated that it was his understanding that Mr. Salese, was retiring. If that was the case, he wished him well and thanked him for his years of service as a member and Chairman of SWAC.

Committee Reports:

- a. ECUA – DeFeo Associates – Mr. DeFeo revised the order of the Agenda and reported on New Business.
 - i. Type 10 Commercial/Type 13,23,27 contract awards – The new Contracts will have Type 10 Commercial directed to the Waste Management facility on Julia Street. Types 13,23,27 will be directed to Advanced Enterprises Recycling (AER) 540 Doremus Ave, Newark. These are 5-year contracts. A formal letter and price list will be sent to all haulers and municipalities when they are available.
 - ii. He also reported on the language change in the FY 2021 State Budget that deleted the diversion of funds from the Clean Communities Fund and the Recycling Fund.
 - iii. There was discussion following Mr. DeFeo' report on 2020 HHW and E-Waste events. Any municipality that was planning to bring a large amount of material on Friday, October 2, was asked to contact him ahead of time so that special arrangements can be made to expedite unloading.
- b. Health Department Report – No report
 - i. Covanta – Mr. Bernadino stated “all is good” at the facility. The crane replacement is on schedule. He also explained that the new crane has an automatic operation capacity and is the same type that is installed in their Hartford CT facility. A crane operator will remain in place.
 - ii. Tonnage update – there is sufficient capacity for Essex – the volume is increasing but is still hard to predict since the COVID Crisis

Old Business:

- a. ANJR – Membership status – Mr. DeFeo urged all to join ANJR and that ANJR's actions and letters to the State Legislature were key to the language change to stop the diversion of Recycling Grants funds.

- b. Status of Field Trip to Class A facility – Mr. D’Altilio reported that the DEP is still reviewing our request to allow a virtual tour. He also commented that each MRC doesn’t have to wait for a County sponsored tour. Each town can make arrangements on their own as some communities have already done.
- c. Mr. DeFeo reported on the status of both Bills - Recycling Content currently “pulled” by the Bill’s sponsor, Plastic Bag Ban Status – Stalled. UPDATE – bill is moving without amendments.
- d. Environmental Justice Law **P.L.2020, c.92**. – Mr. DeFeo reported that the Law may not have an impact on Recycling Facilities as they are not “Solid Waste Facilities” that the Law addresses. It will increase permit fees to covered facilities, such as COVANTA and that the DEP will now have veto power over a current permit upon renewal. Mr. D’Altilio forwarded a copy of the Bill/Law to all the members.
- c. Mr. D’Altilio reminded all to notify him of any changes in their municipality’s representation on SWAC.
- d. Mr. D’Altilio reported that all Recycling Tonnage Grant filings have been completed. The ECUA reviewed and signed for six municipalities as a courtesy. Those municipalities for which the ECUA has signed tonnage grants are reminded to have their recycling coordinators become CRP’s as soon as is practical.

New Business:

- a. Several municipalities requested clarification on letters received from the NJDEP regarding exempt facilities. Mr. DeFeo asked that copies of the letters be sent to him for review and clarification.

Public Comments – No members of the public present

Meeting was adjourned at 2:08 pm