



MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE ESSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL and MUNICIPAL RECYCLING COORDINATORS.

November 24, 2020 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair Mr. Cowart called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

The Open Public Meetings statement was read by Mr. DeFeo.

Roll Call and attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio, 20 people we logged in the ZOOM Meeting, 16 were Municipal Representatives. He welcomed Michael Fonzino as the new SWAC representative for the Township of West Orange

Minutes for the September 22, 2020 meeting were approved, on a motion by Bloomfield and Seconded by Caldwell.

Chairperson's Comments – Vice Chair – none at this time.

Committee Reports:

- a. ECUA – DeFeo Associates – Mr. DeFeo reported on New Business.
 - i. Solid Waste Disposal Rate – Mr. DeFeo inquired if all the towns received the new rate schedule, the instructions to open a new account and the Resident's Rules. All those present responded in the affirmative. Two towns said that their haulers said they did not receive the information. Mr. DeFeo stated that the information was sent to them and the towns can send the information that they received to their haulers. He reminded all that the new rate and facility for types 13, 13C, 23, and 27A, becomes effective January 1, 2021.
 - ii. Mr. DeFeo presented a PowerPoint that outlined the recycling activities for 2017 & 2018. He explained that these are the only "official" years that NJDEP has published.
There was discussion on the data provided. A pdf of the slideshow was sent to all the members.
- b. Health Department Report
 - i. Ted Pilas, Essex Regional Health reported on their activities and inspections. Mr. DeFeo thanked ECRH for their help in setting the procedures for the HHW & Ewaste events.
- c. Covanta
 - i. Mr. Bernadino reported on a series of events that caused an unscheduled outage during their planed outage at the facility during the week of November 16. All issues have been resolved and all is operating smoothly.

Old Business:

- a. ANJR – Membership status – Mr. DeFeo again 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. Compost Regulatory Changes – The NJDEP Working group are considering new regulations that will allow users of community gardens to bring food waste from their homes to the garden’s compost pile. This is currently illegal.
- c. Environmental Justice Law – Mr. DeFeo reported that the rules for the newly passed Law are now being formulated and as information becomes available he will disseminate it.
- d. Update new Members for 2021 - Mr. D’Altilio reminded all that if new members to SWAC are appointed in 2021 to forward their contact information to him. He also stated that he will be sending out the 2019 – 2020 SWAC Attendance that will be need to complete the MRC’s recertification.

New Business:

- a. Election of Officers –
 - I. Bryant Cowart was proposed for Chairperson by Russel Jones, Livingston Seconded by Roger Kerr, Essex Fells. There were no other nominations. Vote was taken and Mr. Cowart received all votes
 - II. Jesse Moehlman was proposed as Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. Vote was taken and Mr. Moehilman received all votes
- b. Meeting Dates – A vote was taken and the same Schedule, 4th Tuesday (Jan. 26, March 23, May 25, July 27, Sept. 28, November/23 2021).

Public Comments – No members of the public resent

Meeting was adjourned at 2:01 pm

Next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021 location TBD.