



MINUTES

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

January 26, 2021 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair, Mr. Moehlman called the meeting to order at 01:07 PM.

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

Roll Call and attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio, 22 people were logged into the ZOOM Meeting, 19 were Municipal Representatives and one member of the public – from Millburn.

Minutes for the November 2020 meeting were approved, on a motion by Livingston and Seconded by Verona.

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

Committee Reports:

- a. ECUA – DeFeo Associates – Mr. DeFeo reported:
 - i. Advanced Enterprise Recycling – Mr. DeFeo stated that a representative of the facility was invited to speak at the Meeting but was unable to attend today. Mr. Green, representing the City of Newark, stated that there were some problems with the lines but the City is pleased with the new site.
 - ii. Household Hazardous Waste Day - Mr. DeFeo reminded the members that the dates for 2021 HHW Days – May 7 (limited) & 8 (full day). He anticipates that the same protocols (COVID) will be in place as in 2020. He also mentioned that there would be early hours for DPWs. The contractor, MXI, is the same as in 2020.
 - iii. Paint-Care Legislation - The revised bill may be signed this year and if so Latex paint will be collected at future HHW Days.
 - iv. Mr. D'Altilio reported on the 2020 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG). The ECUA is beginning to receive tonnage reports form from markets and that he is forwarding them to the towns. The 2018, 2019 & 2020 MTG updates were provided. The 2018 grant awards are in the approval process. No updates on the 2019 grant and that the 2020 application forms are being finalized. There is a new Acting Commissioner, Shawn M. LaTourette and the "approval process" may be slower for grants.
- b. Health Department Report
 - i. Ted Pilas, Essex Regional Health reported on their activities and inspections. He also answered questions regarding the COVID Vaccine distribution policy and the distribution sites. He also agreed with Mr. DeFeo's statement regarding the COVID protocols still being in place for the 2021 HHW Days.

c. Covanta

i. Mr. Bernadino reported on Planned Outages for 2021:

February 1 – 10

September 8 – 17

October 4 -18

He stated that the outages would not affect the towns as Covanta will limit the amount of waste from there other customers.

ii. He also reported on the success of their 2020 Virtual tour and that they are planning to do two a year moving forward. He also stated that the PowerPoint presentation from that tour is available online at

<https://www.covanta.com/where-we-are/our-facilities/essex>

Old Business:

- a. ANJR – Membership status – Mr. DeFeo again urged all to join ANJR – Belleville, Irvington, Livingston and Newark responded that there are in the process of joining or renewing their membership.
- b. Market Report – Mr. DeFeo reported that the markets are “fairly good” at this point. Fiber prices have been on the rebound. Nutley mentioned that they have positive revenue for the first time in months. Millburn was charged \$22,000 for their recyclables in December by Waste Management. Mr. DeFeo remarked that that seemed “out of line” with other markets. Mr. Moehlman said that Millburn is in the process of drafting specs for recycling collection, Mr. DeFeo suggested that the look into a Bid for Collection and a separate RFP for Marketing.
- c. Update mew 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.

New Business:

- a. Mr. D’Altilio reported on a webinar he participated in on Rigid Paperboard Can recycling. His report included a PowerPoint presentation explaining the make of the cans and the inability to recycle them.
- b. Mr. DeFeo recommended that towns continue to view this as solid waste. The cans are not recyclable in any program in NJ.

Public Comments – Mr. Serruto that the meeting was interesting

Next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2021. Meeting will be via ZOOM.

A motion was made by Livingston and seconded by Roseland and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:04 pm