## **MINUTES**



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

## March 23, 2021 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair, Mr. Moehlman called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM.

The Open Public Meetings statement was read by Mr. D'Altilio.

Roll Call and attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio, 17 people were logged into the ZOOM Meeting, 15 were Municipal Representatives, one from ECHD and Covanta.

Nathaly Agosto Filión representing City of Newark was welcomed as new SWAC member.

Mr. D'Altilio stated that Mr. DeFeo was at the Fire Form Program and would not be attending the meeting today. He also thanked all those who logged in in spite of the issues with ZOOM today.

Minutes for the January meeting were approved, on a motion by Fairfield and Seconded by Livingston

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

### **Committee Reports:**

- a. ECUA DeFeo Associates Mr. D'Altilio reported:
  - i. The Turtle Back Zoo program ECUA has helped to fund the completion of their new recycling program. They have worked with the Recycling Partnership and Coca-Cola. Also, there will be tracking program once the Zoo reopens full time.
  - ii. Markets Report markets are stronger.
  - iii. Mr. D'Altilio reminded the members that the Municipal Tonnage Grants are due April 30, 2021. He stated that, in his opinion, there will not be an extension as last year. He also asked that those who require his signature on the reports sent to him 2 weeks before the deadline. He asked that he receive a copy the MTG when submitted to the State

#### b. Health Department Report

 Ted Pilas, Essex Regional Health reported on their activities and inspections and as the weather warms up, they will be beginning to do inspections at DPW Sites. He also reported that inspections were made at Millennium Recycling, Newark, a Class B facility because they are storing logs close to railroad tracks.

#### c. Covanta

 Mr. Bernadino made a presentation on those wastes that are prohibited at the Covanta facility. This presentation can be viewed at <a href="https://info.covanta.com/prohibited-wastes">https://info.covanta.com/prohibited-wastes</a>

#### **Old Business:**

a. Update mew Members for 2021 - Mr. D'Altilio again reminded all that if new members to SWAC are appointed in 2021 to forward their contact information to him.

#### **New Business:**

- a. Plans are in the works to have a tri-county meeting in May...Via ZOOM of course.
- b. Mr. D'Altilio reported that using County REA Grant the ECUA Website is being resigned and updated. Sharing his screen, he provided a sneak look at the new site. He also thanked all those who responded to his requests for information for the website.
- c. Mr. Brandon was to report on Montclair's cancelling of recycling pickups due to Covid. He lost his connection. Mr. D'Altilio reported on a conversation they had. He said that the residents were bringing their recycling to their Recycling Center and they had to modify the hours they were open. They are back making collections as scheduled.

### **Public Comments** – None present

Next meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2021. At this point the meeting will be via ZOOM.

A motion was made by Roseland and seconded by Livingston and the Meeting was adjoined at 1:35 pm