



MINUTES

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

May 25, 2021 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

In the absence of the Chair the Vice Chair, Mr. Moehlman called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

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

Roll Call and attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio, 17 people were logged into the ZOOM Meeting, 12 were Municipal Representatives, one from ECHD and Covanta and one member of the public.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved, on a motion by Glen Ridge and Seconded by Livingston

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

Committee Reports:

- a. ECUA – DeFeo Associates – Mr. DeFeo reported:
 - i. The Fire Fighting Foam collection went well. 750 lbs. of foam were delivered to the site in Nutley and was taken by MXI, ECUA's Hazardous Waste Contractor, for disposal. DeFeo thanked Nutley for their assistance and providing a secure site for the program.
 - ii. HHW/E waste Spring events – 2198 cars and 104 tons of HHW were collected. 1,581 cars and 5 -50' trailers of material were collected at the e-Waste event. These numbers were higher and other events and there was discussion on why this occurred.
 - iii. Website Update – The redesigned website and its content has been approved and should go "live" this week. Mr. DeFeo asked at the members visit it to check the information for their town and send any corrections or comments to Mr. D'Altilio.
 - iv. Municipal Tonnage Grants - Mr. D'Altilio reported that all the towns' submissions were accepted by NJDEP. The were a few towns that were questioned on their MRC's Certification but the questions were resolved. He also mentioned that June 1st is the last day to make revisions to their 2020 MTG. He went on to report that the 2019 30-Desk Audits will be sent out in the next few weeks and once received he will forward to the towns. He went on to report that at the last County Coordinator's meeting there was discussion regarding the Counties signing and submitting MTGs and the DEP is looking into limiting the numbers of years the County can do this to possibly two consecutive years.
- b. Health Department Report
 - i. Ted Pilas, Essex Health Department reported on their activities. The COVID testing and vaccinations have slowed down. They are still in discussing with the DEP to make joint inspections to selective sites.

c. Covanta

- i. Mr. Bernadino stated that all is well at the facility and their tonnages appear to have returned to 2019 levels.

Old Business:

- a. ANJR Membership – Mr. DeFeo again urged that all join ANJR and that they are the voice of recycling in New Jersey
- b. Markets Report - Mr. DeFeo reported that the markets prices for certain commodities (OCC, HDPE and PET) have increased. Nutley is receiving revenue for the sale of their fiber. Millburn commented that they are still being charged for their material at the same rate as before.
- c. Battery Fires – Mr. DeFeo reported that there was another fire at a MRF. Colgate Recycling suffered damage to the material outside the building. He then spoke about the “Avoid the Spark” program being developed by Call2Recycle, ANJR and Association of New Jersey Household Hazardous Waste Coordinators. The program will educate the citizens on the proper disposal of household and rechargeable batteries.

New Business:

- a. Introduction of Resolution 1-21, a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes, that addresses a contract extension between The Essex County Utilities Authority (ECUA) and Covanta Energy. Motion was made by Verona and seconded by Caldwell to discuss the Resolution. Mr. DeFeo explained that SWAC’s responsibility to review is limited to consistency of this proposed contract with the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan. After discussion the Resolution was moved for a vote, and passed by all members present.
 - Questions included inquiries with regard to the input of Essex County to the new permit for Covanta and its relationship with the new Environmental Justice law. Mr. DeFeo outlined that permit conditions are outside of the purview of the County. The permit is the responsibility of the NJDEP.

Public Comments – No Comments

Next meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2021. At this point the meeting will be via ZOOM.

A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm