



MINUTES

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

July 27, 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. DeFeo.

Attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio, 20 people were logged into the ZOOM Meeting, 13 were Municipal Representatives, one from ECHD, ANJR and three representing SWAG Project Farm Community Composting.

Minutes for the May meeting were approved, on a motion by Newark and Seconded by Roseland

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

Mr. DeFeo asked the Vice Chair to depart from the published Agenda, (New Business) to allow Mr. Hooper from ANJR and Ms. Bruno from SWAG Project make their presentations.

- A. **Mr. Hooper on behalf of ANJR, the Association of New Jersey Recyclers**, presented a short PowerPoint explaining the important of membership in ANJR. Membership by Essex Communities is one of the highest in the state. Mr. DeFeo also spoke about the importance of membership.
- B. **Resolution - Plan Amendment Recommendation – Administrative Action - SWAG** Project Farm Community Composting.
Ms. Bruno presented the project using a PowerPoint. There was discussion and Q&A. Mr. DeFeo commented on the process that SWAG went through to get to this point and that he hoped that the DEP would use SWAG's composting methods as a "blue print" for other community composting projects for compost food waste.

A motion was made by Newark and seconded by Verona to vote on the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken by Mr. D'Altilio and the Resolution passed unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is made part of these minutes as is the voting record.

Committee Reports:

- a. ECUA – DeFeo Associates – Mr. DeFeo reported:
 - i. That the new ECUA website is fully functional now and that he anticipates that the site will be updated monthly.
 - ii. Avoid the Spark Program – This is an industry program to inform the public on the proper disposal of batteries. He explained that the recent fires at recycling facilities prompted the development of the program. It will be released to the public within the next month. He also commented that because of limited processing capacity, markets are not responding to RFP and Bids for new tonnage.

- iii. Municipal Tonnage Grants - Mr. D'Altilio reported on a recent change to the MRC's MTG Requirements for the 2021 MTG. The requirement to visit/tour a Class A recycling facility in 2021 has been postponed. The next visit will be in 2022. The requirement to attend at least one county held recycling meeting is still in effect. He reminded all that attendance to a SWAC meeting fills this requirement.

Mr. DeFeo added that a Tri-County Recycling Meeting is in the planning stage now. He will be attending a meeting next week.

b. Facilities Reports:

- i. **AERI** – No Report
- ii. **Covanta** – Mr. DeFeo reported on behalf of Mr. Bernadino that the heavy rains over the past month have impacted the operation at the facility – wet material is more difficult to process.
- iii. **Waste Management** – No Report

c. Health Department Report

- i. Mr. D'Altilio reported on behalf of Mr. Pilas, Essex Health Department, who was called to another meeting - The County has a Mobile COVID Vaccination van that is making rounds in the county. He also reported that CEHA will be conducting inspection of all sites with 100cy or more of soil and fill on site.

Old Business: None at this time

New Business: Agenda items moved to beginning of meeting

Public Comments – No Comments

Next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2021. At this point the meeting will be via ZOOM.

A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:05 P.M.

**ESSEX COUNTY
SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION # 2-21**

WHEREAS, WHEREAS, The Essex County Utilities Authority has presented for review an application for Solid Waste Plan Inclusion submitted by SWAG Project Farm Community Composting located at 438-440 Peshine Avenue, Newark, New Jersey 07112, Block #3576, Lots #28 and 29 as a Class C, Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) Project designed to accept residentially generated source separated food waste associated with the activities of their Community Farm for composting via aerated static pile technology in an amount not to exceed 200 gallons per week for a period of time not to exceed twelve (12) months after approval as an RD&D project by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, this approval shall expire with the expiration of the RD&D approval as granted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; and

WHEREAS, should SWAG seek an extension as an RD&D project from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection beyond the twelve (12) month period of the initial application, it must first seek an extension of the approval granted by this Resolution and any subsequent Administrative Action taken by Essex County, and

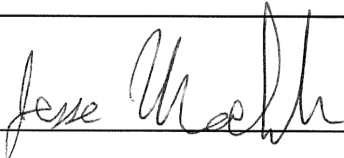
WHEREAS, should SWAG seek to change the status of its RD&D project at any time during the term of, or at the expiration of any RD&D approval granted by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, SWAG shall first apply to Essex County for inclusion in the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan as a New Applicant, and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Advisory Council's (SWAC) review is limited to consistency of this proposed plan amendment with the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan,

NOW THEREFORE be it Resolved, that the Essex County SWAC finds the request of the Essex County Utilities Authority to be consistent with the Essex County District Solid Waste Management Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Essex County Utilities Authority to be approved as an Administrative Action.

Dated: July 27, 2021



Jesse Moehlman, Vice Chairman

Town	Name	Member or Alternate	Vote on Resolution #2-21
Belleville	Robert Welter	M	Yes
Bloomfield	Louise Palagano	M	Yes
Caldwell	Mario Bifalco	M	Absent
Caldwell	Kim Colon	A	Absent
Cedar Grove	Dan Donavan	M	Yes
Cedar Grove	Karen McCarthy	A	Absent
East Orange	Bryant Cowart	M	Absent
East Orange	Donald Wharton	A	Absent
Essex Fells	Roger Kerr	M	Absent
Essex Fells	Anthony Sorisi	A	Absent
Fairfield	Robert Payne	M	Yes
Fairfield	Steve Bury	A	Absent
Glen Ridge	William Bartlett	M	Yes
Glen Ridge	Erik Dline	A	Absent
Irvington	Cassandra Chatman		Absent
Irvington	Asmita Mitchell		Absent
Livingston	Russell A. Jones, Jr.	M	Yes
Maplewood	Paul Kittner	M	Absent
Maplewood	Cesare Riccardi	A	Absent
Millburn	Jesse Moehlman	M	Yes
Montclair	Craig Brandon		Absent
Newark	Nathaly Agosto Fili6n	M	Yes
North Caldwell	Kevin O'Sullivan	M	Absent
Nutley	Salvatore Ferraro	M	Absent
Orange	Marty Mayes	M	Yes
Orange	Raymond Wingfield	A	Absent
Roseland	Christopher Critchett	M	Yes
South Orange	Michael Candarella	M	Yes
Verona	Harold Waterman	M	Yes
West Caldwell	Sandra Barrows	M	Absent
West Orange	Michael Fonzino	M	Yes