



# MINUTES

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

March 22, 2022 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

The Chairperson, Mr. Moehlman, called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

The Open Public Meetings statement was read by Mr. DeFeo. He also mentioned that the Class A Virtual Tour would be included in this meeting and there are persons from Passaic & Salem Counties in attendance.

Attendance was taken by Mr. D’Altilio, 38 people were logged into the ZOOM Meeting, 27 were Members or Municipal Representatives, two from DeFeo Associates, one from Essex County Health, one from Salem County and 7 from Passaic County.

Minutes for the January meeting were approved

**Chairperson’s Comments** – Mr. Moehlman had no formal comments and participated in all discussions.

**Class A Virtual Tour** - 2021 MTG requires Municipal Recycling Coordinators (MRCs) to visit/tour a Class A recycling facility, as part of the 2021 Grant Requirements. The DEP will allow a virtual tour.

This Virtual Tour fulfills that requirement.

The Video was shown by Mr. DeFeo and Mr. D’Altilio who commented on the video and asked questions, of the attendees, as required by DEP. All questions were answered as needed.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **A. ECUA – DeFeo Associates** – Mr. DeFeo reported:

- a. Announced the ECUA Spring E-waste & HHW days for 2022. E-waste Saturday, May 21 and HHW Saturday, May 7. Location remains the same. DPW/Government or Religious Drop-Off will be the day before. He asked that if a town is dropping off a large amount of material to contact him in advance, also they will have to supply their own staff to unload the vehicle for E-Waste Collection.  
He also spoke about the enforcement of the NDEP Rules regarding the transport of small amounts of Hazardous materials. Mr. DeFeo asked Mr. Pilas if he had received and Guidance Documents from DEP regarding this matter and he said no. The Chairman offered to send a letter to DEP on behalf of the Municipalities if necessary.
- b. Mr. DeFeo commented on the proposed Stormwater regulations that would impact Class C & B facilities both exempted or permitted. The regulations will require significantly more testing of water runoff, increased engineering and design requirements and additional standards if the site is under a general permit. If the rules are adopted as pre-proposed, cost estimates received to date are that exempt sites will see between a \$10,000 and \$30,000 increase in year 1 costs with

an annual cost increase of up to \$15,000.00. This may have a significant negative impact on small, municipal operations. The largest concern is that it will force more vegetative material to be sent to landfills if exempt facilities are shut down.

**B. Facilities Reports:**

- a. **AERI** – No representative in attendance.
- b. **Covanta** – No representative in attendance.
- c. **Waste Management** – No representative in attendance.

**C. Health Department Report**

- a. Mr. Pilas, reminded those in attendance that the health Dept has moved to 900 Bloomfield Avenue.

**Old/Continuing Business:**

- A. **Proposed Dates on TDMA.** Mr. DeFeo stated that due to scheduling issues he was not able to schedule this training as he had planned too.
- B. **ANJR – Membership status** – there were no new Essex Members from last month. Those who were not members were urged to join. Mr. D’Altilio mentioned the ANJR Annual Meeting on April 5 & 6, read the agenda and reminded the MRCs that recertification credits will be given
- C. **Market Report** – Mr. DeFeo reported that markets are generally positive. There can be no predictions at this time for the remainder of the year.
- D. **Recycling/Solid Waste Legislation - Nothing new to report**

**New Business:**

- A. The NJDEP has changed the name of the division of Solid Waste Management to the Division of Sustainable Waste Management and Dana Lawson is the Bureau Chief of Recycling & Hazardous Waste Management.

**Public Comments** – No members of the public commented other than those who participated in the Class A discussion.

Next meeting is scheduled for May24, 2022. At this point the meeting will be via ZOOM.

A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 P.M.