



## MINUTES

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

September 27, 2022 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

In the absence of the Chairperson, Vice-Chair Mr. Waterman, called the meeting to order at 1:09 pm.

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

Attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio. Seventeen people were logged into the ZOOM Meeting, 11 were Members or Municipal Representatives, two from DeFeo Associates, one from Essex County Health and 3 from TerraCycle.

Mr. D'Altilio introduced the new representative from West Caldwell Margie Pierce. She is replacing Sandra Barrows who has retired.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved by motion.

**Chairperson's Comments** – Mr. Waterman had no formal comments. He and Mr. DeFeo agreed to depart from the published Agenda to start the public portion of the Meeting, as there was a presentation by TerraCycle explaining the TerraCycle Home program, before Committee Reports.

#### **Committee Reports:**

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

- a. That the County HHW & Ewaste collection days are October 1<sup>st</sup> for HHW and October 15<sup>th</sup> for Ewaste. As usual the sites will be open the day before for municipalities and those, for religious reasons, those who cannot make the Saturday collection schedules.  
He also reminded members about those materials will not be accepted and asked the members to please inform him if they will be bringing a large amount of material on Friday.
- b. Firefighting Foam – Nutley has a large amount of new, unopen foam that is available to any town that would like it. If interested please contact him directly. East Orange said they would be interested in the foam.

##### **B. Health Department Report**

- a. Mr. Pilas, reported that Health Department has new staff, there may be a new person making inspections in your town.
- b. "Bag Ban" the Health Department has not received any additional citizen complaints about the inability to obtain bags. Overall, he sees good compliance.

##### **C. Facilities Reports:**

- a. **AERI** – No Report - No representative in attendance.
- b. **Covanta** – No Report - No representative in attendance.

c. **Waste Management** – No Report - No representative in attendance.

**Old/Continuing Business:**

- A. **ANJR** – Annual Symposium is October 12, 2022 at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune. Attendance will provide you with 4 Recertification Credits for MRCs and 3 CPWM credits. Mr. D’Altilio emailed a copy of the agenda and registration form to all members.
- B. **Markets Report Update** – Mr. DeFeo reported that the markets are “uncertain and volatile” at this time.

**New Business:**

**Collection of Material at Curb by residents for distribution to others** – The question was raised by Ms. Palagano (Bloomfield). Discussion was held and information provided.

**Public Comments:**

Presentation by Alex Helander, Kariina Rand and Eric Ascalon of TerraCycle. They introduced and explained TerraCycle Home. A program that offers subscription collection services to residents for non-traditional recyclable materials including including cosmetic packaging, eyewear, PPE, pet food packaging, toys, plastic bottle caps, cigarette butts and all types of plastic packaging. The program does not offer service for collection of any material collected by the resident’s municipality. The service price is based on frequency of collection and number of bags needed. For more information visit [terracyclehome.com](https://www.terracyclehome.com). If interested in starting a pilot program, they should contact Mr. Beson.

**Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 1:50pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 22, 2022**. At this point the meeting will be via ZOOM.