



MINUTES

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

March 28, 2023 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

Chairman Moehlman, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

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

Attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio. Twenty-eight Members or Municipal Representatives, two from DeFeo Associates, one from Essex County Health and one from Covanta were in attendance. He announced that Lisa Johnson, is now the "Official" Representative from Montclair. He also welcomed Foluke Onajibe from Covanta.

Minutes for the January meeting were approved with the no changes with a motion from Roseland and a second from Livingston.

Chairperson's Comments – Had no comments at this time and participated in all discussions.

Committee Reports:

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

Mr. DeFeo reported on the upcoming HHW & E-waste events and reminded the members that both events will be open on Friday for Municipal Drop off. He asked that he notified beforehand. He also reminded the group that compressed gas cylinders are not accepted from the towns and that florescent tubes must be boxed and unbroken.

B. Health Department Report

- a. Mr. Pilas, no report.

C. Facilities Reports:

- a. **AERI** – No Report - No representative in attendance.
- b. **Covanta** - Ms. Onajibe reported that the RRF is operating with 2 of their 3 units as one is undergoing routine maintenance. The third unit will be operational by March 29. She also reported that Covanta is hiring and we should pass the word to our communities.
- c. **Waste Management** – No representative in attendance. Mr. DeFeo commented that the Julia Street facility should be open in 12-18 months and that the Front Street facility is accepting all waste that would have gone to Julia Street.

Old/Continuing Business:

- A. **ANJR** – Mr. DeFeo inquired if there were any new ANJR members, there were none.
- B. **The "2023 NJ Sustainability in Motion Conference"** Mr. DeFeo reported that the Conference was sold out, a "big success and plans are being made for a 2024 Conference". He asked if any members were present and what they thought of the event. Their comments were positive, with one suggestion to have more focus on local issues and solutions.
- C. **Markets Report Update** – Mr. DeFeo reported that the markets are "down", as usual after the

holidays and that plastic prices are up. He also mentioned that two MRF facilities should be in operation in the next 6 – 12 months.

- D. Contract Pricing** – Mr. DeFeo reported that prices for SW & Recycling collect contracts are still increasing. He also mentioned that towns are looking at reducing or eliminating curbside scheduled Bulk Collection as a way to reduce costs. He has found that this service is used by only 10% of the residents.

New Business:

- A. Municipal Tonnage Grants (MTG) – Mr. D’Altilio** noted that the 2022 MTG Guide and Forms are now available. He reminded the MRCs that forms must be received by April 30, 2023. Those communities without a CRP can forward all necessary information to Dominick and he will sign and submit, on the town’s behalf, the completed forms. ALL Forms and information must be to be to him no later than April 10th.
- B. Presentation - Municipal Tonnage Grant reporting and effective data collection methods** - Mr. D’Altilio presented a PowerPoint on the subject. He went over how to complete the forms correctly, explained the reason for the REA Tax information and went over ways to obtain more information from commercial and intuitional sources. A Q&A followed with Mr. DeFeo responding to some of the questions.

Mr. D’Altilio stated at the next Presentation will focus on municipal recycling websites and improving the accuracy of listing all potential recyclable materials for residents and commercial institutions. He will be reviewing the town’s websites over the next month to determine if they accurately describe the recyclables that are collect.

- C. Public Comments:** - None

Adjournment - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjoined at 2:38 pm.

REMINDER 2023 Meeting Schedule – meetings are the 4th Tuesday every other month:
~~January 24, March 28,~~ May 23, July 25, September 26, and November 28.
Meetings will remain on Zoom until further notice.

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 23, 2023**. At this point the meeting will be via ZOOM.