



## MINUTES

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

May 24, 2023 VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

Chairman Moehlman, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

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

Attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio. Fourteen Members or Municipal Representatives, two from DeFeo Associates, one from Essex County Health and one from Covanta were in attendance.

Minutes for the March meeting were approved with the no changes with a motion from Nutley and a second from Irvington.

**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 results of the Spring HHW & E-waste events. 2,035 vehicles drop-off items at the HHW Day, the most vehicles to date. Ewaste had 1,290 vehicles. He also mentioned that the Contracts with the current vendors expire this year and ECUA will be advertising for vendors. He said that they are considering asking for a price for “empty” gas cylinders in response to public requests.

Mr. DeFeo alerted the members that there will be a Plan Amendment for a Tire Recycling Facility in Irvington on the Agenda for the July meeting and that meeting will be **will be in person at the Essex County Environmental Center**

Mr. D'Altilio thanked all for submitting their MTG applications on time. He mentioned that he only had to sign 7 MTG this year and that number will go down in 2024 as two towns, Fairfield and West Caldwell have someone in the Certification Series at this time.

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

- a. Mr. Pilas, reported that he attended a training course on “Dirty Dirt”. He explained that although the hauling company transporting this material must have an A-901 License, the vehicles transporting the material are not required to have a NJDEP Sticker.

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

- a. **AERI** – No Report - No representative in attendance.
- b. **Covanta** - Ms. Onajibe's report was presented by Mr. DeFeo. “The facility is operating normally”.
- c. **Waste Management** – No representative in attendance.

**Old/Continuing Business:**

- A. **ANJR** – Mr. DeFeo inquired if there were any new ANJR members. There were none. He reported that the Association has a new Executive Director Catherine Choudhry - email & phone number will remain the same. The mailing address will change. He also reminded the members of the ANJR Spring Webinar that will focus on Dual Stream vs Single Stream and urged all to attend.
- B. **Markets Report Update** – Mr. DeFeo reported that the markets are as usual with pricing changing weekly. He also mentioned that there should be two new MRF's in operation in the next 6 – 12 months.
- C. **Contract Pricing** – Mr. DeFeo reported that prices for SW & Recycling collection contracts are still increasing. There was discussion on ways to lower the cost of processing recyclables. Mr. DeFeo explained the Blended Pricing option as one way to address this. After additional discussion he proposed holding a webinar on the subject, the members agreed that it was needed. The webinar was set for June 8 at 1:00 pm via ZOOM.

**New Business:**

- A. **Presentation – Improving the Accuracy of Recyclables Listed on Municipal Websites.** - Mr. D'Altilio presented a PowerPoint on the subject. He spoke about the requirement that the municipal ordinances must contain the county designated recyclables, the methods to get the information to residential, commercial and intuitional sources. He chose three municipalities at random to see if the language in their ordinance and website agreed. Mr. D'Altilio noted that in three examples there was a disconnect between the two sources of information.  
A Q&A followed with Mr. DeFeo responding to some of the questions.
- B. **Blended Value Contracts Webinar** – June 8, 2023 1:00pm via ZOOM.
- C. **Public Comments:** - None

**Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjoined at 2:10 pm.

**REMINDER 2023 Meeting Schedule** – meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every other month:

~~January 24, March 28, May 23,~~ July 25, September 26, and November 28.

Meetings will remain on Zoom unless otherwise noticed.

- A. Next meeting is scheduled for **July 25, 2023. will be in person at the Essex County Environmental Center.**