



MINUTES

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

July 25, 2023 Held at Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland

Vice Chairperson Waterman, called the meeting to order at 1:13 PM.

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

Attendance was taken by Mr. D'Altilio. Fourteen Members or Municipal Representatives and three from DeFeo Associates were present. As this was fir first in-person meeting since the pandemic attendees were asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes for the May meeting were approved with the no changes with a motion from Roseland and a second from Cedar Grove.

Chairperson's Comments – Vice-Chair had no comments or report

Committee Reports:

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

Mr. DeFeo reported that the ECUA Contract with the current HHW vendor is expiring and there may be a new vendor for the Fall Events. Depending on the cost of recycling pressurized tanks such as helium and oxygen they may or may not be included in the RFP. West Orange asked if large “end of life batteries” such as from bicycles and scooters will be include in Ewaste collection days.

ANS: At this time, there is no plan to have this included in the Ewaste contract. However, this is being reviewed.

A discussion on lithium-ion batteries followed.

Mr. D'Altilio spoke about the 2021 30-day audit and that July 31 was the last day to correct any errors are found or if there are any questions.

B. Health Department Report

Mr. Pilas was not present but emailed the following report that was read by Mr. D'Altilio:

Fiscal 2023 DEP Solid Waste inspections were completed.

Class A facilities are required to submit annual tonnage reports to DEP online. Reporting to county and municipalities is unchanged. One facility has submitted report (Waste Mgmt, St Charles St). We will provide compliance assistance to remaining facilities during next inspection.

C. Facilities Reports:

a. AERI – No Report - No representative in attendance.

b. Covanta – No Report - No representative in attendance.

c. Waste Management – No representative in attendance. Mr. DeFeo commented that a suspect has been arrested in connection to the fire that occurred at the Julia Street Transfer Station.

Old/Continuing Business:

- A. **ANJR** – Mr. DeFeo inquired if there were any new ANJR members. There were none. Mr. D’Altilio reminded all of the up-coming ANJR Symposium on October 25.
- B. **Markets Report Update** – Mr. DeFeo reported that the markets are reasonably strong with fluctuations in pricing and the cleanest material usually gets the best pricing. Mr. Waterman (Verona) mentioned that they have begun inspecting pre-collected recyclables and the program has been successful in reducing contamination.

New Business:

A. Presentation – Improving the Accuracy of Recyclables Listed on Municipal Websites. -

Ms. Hourihan (DeFeo Associates) presented the results of the Municipal Ordinance/Website Review. Attendees were given a copy of the review for their municipality. She explained the methodology used and went over what was meant by Discrepancies and Recommendations. A copy of the report and cover letter will be sent to all MRC’s.

A discussion followed.

One of the items of discussion was the use of Recycle Coach. Ms. Hourihan indicated that seven municipalities do not use Recycle Coach or any similar program. Discussion followed and the members were polled to see if a Q&A from Recycle Coach would be a good topic for the next meeting. They agreed it would be and Mr. DeFeo will make arrangements to have a representative from Recycle Coach at the next meeting.

B. Public Comments: - None

Adjournment - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 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 unless otherwise noticed.

- A. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 26, 2023. This will be a Tri-County meeting with Bergen and Hudson County. Location TBD.**