



## MINUTES

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

January 28, 2025

Len Waterman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:01pm.

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

Twenty-Four Members or Municipal Representatives, one from Essex County Health Dept., Reworld and two from DeFeo Associates were present. There were no members of the public present. Marisa Digori, Cedar Grove DPW was introduced.

The minutes for the November 26, 2024 meeting were approved with no changes.

**Chairperson's Comments** – Mr. Waterman, modified the agenda to allow Tom Eckert, a representative from Phibro Oil, a company that collects and recycles vegetable oil, to make a presentation via Zoom. The presentation was followed by a Q&A.

Mr. Waterman also reported that Verona has two containers from BookDrop, the company that made a presentation at the November meeting, and all is going well with the program.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**A. ECUA – DeFeo Associates** Mr. DeFeo reported that there was no action on any of the Bills that were reported on at the last meeting.

- a.** He reminded the members that the dates for 2025 are HHW May 3<sup>rd</sup>, not May 5<sup>th</sup> as shown on the ECUA website. E-waste May 17<sup>th</sup>. DPW Drop off is the day before each event. Also that Microwaves and A/C will be accepted.

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

Mr. Pilas reported that “Dirty Dirt” is still an important topic at the DEP and he is reviewing the Rules.

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

- a. AERI** – No report - No representative in attendance.
- b. Reworld** – Ms. Vickers reported that operations at the facility are normal and that they have a scheduled outage for April 22, 2025.
- c. Waste Management** – No report - No representative in attendance.

#### **D. Old/Continuing Business:**

- a. Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)** – Mr. D’Altilio reported that all of County municipalities have a CRP for the first time since DeFeo Associates has been retained. He also added that when he first came aboard he “signed” eight Municipal Tonnage Grants for towns without a CRP and this cycle he will not need to sign any.



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- b. **Market Report** – Mr. DeFeo reported that the demand/price for OCC is down as usual after the Holidays. Plastic containers now have a higher value than Aluminum.
- c. **Status on Acceptable Materials List** – Mr. DeFeo distributed a Survey Update form to the members. This survey is a follow up to the 2024 MRF survey to determine if the material collected curbside is being recycled at the MRF.

#### E. New Business: -

- a. **2024 Municipal Tonnage Grant (MTG)** - Mr. D'Altilio reported that the 2025 MTG documents are now available on the DEP website. There are no changes to the form from last year. He reminded the MRCs to be sure all the weights go in as tons and to be sure to use the proper Sector designation – Residential, Commercial or institutional.

**Member's Comments: - None.**

**Public Comments: - None**

**Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.  
Next meeting is scheduled for **March 25, 2025, in Garibaldi Hall of the Environmental Center.**