



MINUTES

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

March 25, 2025

Mr. Waterman, Chairman, Verona, called the meeting to order at 1:10pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. DeFeo.

Nineteen Members or Municipal Representatives, and two from DeFeo Associates were present. There were no members of the public present

The minutes for the January 28, 2025, meeting were approved with no changes.

Chairperson's Comments – Mr. Waterman, inquired as to the date the virtual tour of the Class A facility was presented at the MRC/SWAC meeting. Mr. D'Altilio responded that it was July 23.

Committee Reports:

A. DeFeo Associates – Legislative update.

- a. DeFeo reported that there was action on S-1040 a Bill that would exempt community gardens composting on-site from certain DEP permits under certain conditions.
- b. He also mentioned there is a Bill that would eliminate the prohibition on single-use paper bags. The Bill is permissive, not mandatory. It is opposed by environmental groups and ANJR remains neutral on the subject.
- c. He reminded the members that the dates for 2025 are HHW May 3rd,. E-waste May 17th. DPW Drop off is the day before each event; May 2 and May 16.

B. Health Department Report

Mr. Pilas - Not in attendance -emailed the following "DEP may have been reviewing status of exempt recycling facilities. Please verify municipal sites. Have a copy of notification of exempt recycling form and actual recycling activities listed on form"

C. Facilities Reports:

- a. **AERI** – No report - No representative in attendance.
- b. **Reworld** – No Report - No representative in attendance
- c. **Waste Management** – No report - No representative in attendance.

D. Old/Continuing Business:

- a. **Certified Recycling Professional (CRP)** – Mr. D'Altilio reported on the following:
 - I. March 13 ANJR Webinar has been approved for 2 Classroom Hours. This is up from 1.5.
 - II. He went over the common errors found on the MTG and how certain materials should be listed.



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- b. **ANJR - He reminded the members of the following ANJR events,**
 - Annual Meeting, April 24, EcoComplex
 - Swap & Share, May 14, Morris County Library
 - Golf/Pickle Ball outing, June 25
- c. **Market Report** – Mr. DeFeo reported that markets are stable at this point in time, but changes may occur due to the Tariffs.

E. New Business:

- a. **Five (5) County Workshop** – This year's 5-County Recycling Workshop will be held on September 30 10:00 am to Noon in the Meadowlands Environmental Center in Lyndhurst. Details to follow.

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 **May 27, 2025, in Garibaldi Hall of the Environmental Center.**



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