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

<u>July 22, 2025 – at Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland</u> Glass Room

Mr. Waterman, Chairman, Verona, called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. D'Altilio.

Attendance was taken and twelve Members or Municipal Representatives and two from DeFeo Associates were present. There were no members of the public present

The minutes for the May 27, 2025, meeting were approved with no changes. Millburn made a motion to approve, and Cedar Grove seconded it.

Chairperson's Comments – There were none.

Committee Reports:

A. DeFeo Associates

a. Legislative update:

- i. Mr. D'Altilio of DeFeo Associates reported on Bill A5535/S4526 Scrap metal bill on auto shredder residue. ANJR has proposed an amendment to this bill that would require a study of auto shredder residue to determine if it is hazardous. ANJR has proposed that the scrap industry pay for this study. Then, based on a determination of the findings, either regulate it as hazardous, or do not. ANJR supports this bill.
- ii. On another bill, Mr. D'Altilio reported that Bill A5852 would require that scrap metal recyclers be regulated as recycling facilities and they will be called Scrap Metal Facilities and will no longer be exempt. There will be a \$700 fee. ANJR is reviewing this bill and will be proposing some modest amendments. ANJR is neutral on supporting this bill.
- **b.** Mr. D'Altilio stated that the HHW event collected 54 tons of household hazardous waste and the Ewaste Event collected 42 tons of Ewaste for recycling.
- **B.** Health Department Report No report No representative in attendance.

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.

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D. Old/Continuing Business:

- a. Markets Report Mr. D'Altilio reported that steel cans and aluminum prices are steady, for 83¢ a lb. for aluminum, baled at the peer. June saw a drop in plastic curbside prices. Malaysia has now banned imports of plastic from the US, similar to China. Fiber remains constant.
- **b.** MTG Mr. D'Altilio reminded the MRCs to copy him on submissions to the DEP. He can assist with questions for the DEP.
- **c.** Mr. D'Altilio introduced the new DPW Superintendent and MRC for Essex Fells, Vic Kisson.

E. New Business:

- **a.** Resolution on Award of Contract for Type 13 Waste to Advanced Disposal Service Dom explained that the award is for types 13, 13C, 23 & 27 to Advanced. This is the same facility at the same price. Roll Call Vote was taken and the Resolution Passed.
- **b.** Kathleen Hourihan discussed the municipal recycling survey from January 2025 which is being used to help determine if New Jersey can establish a uniform list of acceptable recyclable materials among all towns and all recycling facilities.

Member's Comments: Louise from Bloomfield commented that she saw a note from the NJDEP when submitting the 6-month Ewaste report that a new form will be coming.

Public Comments: - None

Adjournment - A motion was made by East Orange and seconded by Millburn and the meeting was adjourned, at 1:19 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **September 23, 2025, in Garibaldi Hall of the Environmental Center.**