



MINUTES

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

May 26, 2026 at Garibaldi Hall

Mr. Waterman, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 1:01pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. DeFeo.

Attendance was taken and sixteen Members or Municipal Representatives and two from DeFeo Associates, two Essex County Health Department. There were no members of the public present.

The minutes for the March 24, 2026, meeting were approved with no changes. Nutley made a motion to approve, and South Orange seconded the motion.

Chairperson's Comments – Mr. Waterman thanked all who attended and stated that there would be a Resolution presented for consideration of and Administration Action for inclusion of Block 3779 and Lots 28 and 92 into the Essex County Solid Waste Management Plan for Class B Recycling Activity on behalf of IWS Transfer Systems of N.J., Inc.-Evergreen (Interstate Waste Systems).

The Resolution was read and explained why it was needed by Mr. DeFeo. The motion to accept was made by South Orange, seconded by Nutley, vote was taken and the Resolution was accepted, unanimously 13 yes – 0 no.

The Resolution is made part of these minutes

Committee Reports:

A. DeFeo Associates

- a. **HHW & E-waste** – Mr. DeFeo stated that the tentative dates for the Fall HHW & E-waste events will be Saturday, October 3, 2026 for HHW & Saturday, October 17, 2026, for E-waste.
 - I. For the spring events, 1,912 vehicles were serviced at the HHW event and 1238 at the E-waste event. He reported that the E-waste contractor removed 4½ tractor trailer loads of material.

b. Legislative update:

Mr. DeFeo reported that the State Fiscal Budget did not “take” funds from the Recycling Grant Funds. He also mentioned that in the current Legislation session there will probably be action on the Scrap Yard Bills from the last session.

Mr. D’Altilio reminded the MRCs that their 2nd half 2025 SAR E-waste Report for 2025 was due to the DEP. He noted that even if they have not collected any E-waste at their sites they still need to submit a report indicating that no material was collected. If their site is no longer in operation, they must formally notify the DEP to be taken off the Site List.



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- B. **Health Department** – Mr. Farinella reported that their inspection of DPW Facilities will begin in July.
- C. **Facilities Reports:**
 - a. **AERI** – No report - No representative in attendance.
 - b. **Reworld** – No Report - No representative in attendance
- D. **Old/Continuing Business:**
 - a. **Markets Report** – Mr. DeFeo reported that fiber prices are up and with the increase in crude oil prices plastics prices paid are increasing.
 - b. **Food Recovery Program** - Mr. DeFeo reported the program is working well and asked that all the communities that haven't submitted a list of food sites as of yet do so as soon as it is possible.
- E. **Member's Comments:** There were comments by members that they were having issues with the Recycle Coach APP. Specifically that making changes to their community's information was proving difficult. Mr. DeFeo asked that those communities email him with their issues and he would contact Recycle Coach on their behalf.
- F. **Public Comments:** - None
- G. **Adjournment** - A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned, at 1:30 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **July 28, 2026** in **"Glass Room"** of the **Environmental Center**.