



MINUTES

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

March 24, 2026 at Garibaldi Hall

In the absence of Mr. Waterman, Chairman, the meeting was called to Order by Vice Chairperson Palagano at 1:05pm. The Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Mr. DeFeo

Attendance was taken and 17 Members or Municipal Representatives and 2 from DeFeo Associates, 1 Essex County Environmental Commission. There were no members of the public present.

The minutes for the November 27, 2025, meeting were approved with no changes. Irvington made a motion to approve, and Glen Ridge seconded it.

Chairperson's Comments – There were none. Ms. Palagano deviate from the agenda to have Dr. Lisa Johnson, of Montclair, to make a presentation that described their Plan for Community Garden Compost Operations at Two Locations.

After the presentation and the question-and-answer period, Mr. DeFeo introduced a Resolution (SWAC 01-26), attached hereto and incorporated into these Minutes, expressing support for Montclair's Plan and authorizing an Administrative Action to the County Solid Waste Management Plan to include Montclair's plan and its implementation.

The Resolution was read, the motion to accept was made by Irvington, seconded by Caldwell, vote was taken and the Resolution was accepted, unanimously 13 yes – 0 no.

Committee Reports:

A. DeFeo Associates

- a. **HHW & Ewaste** – Mr. DeFeo reminded the members that the HHW & Ewaste flyers were attached to the email sent announcing this meeting and to post on their municipal website. Fall days were lite. 2026 Spring Collection days – HHW – Saturday, May 2, 2026, Ewaste – Saturday May 16, 2026.

b. Legislative update:

Mr. DeFeo reported on 7 Bills that passed during the last days of the 2024-2025 Legislative Session

PL 2025, c.298 "Skip the Stuff". ...

PL 2025, c.308 "Recycled Plastic Content in Certain Construction Projects"

PL 2025, c.228 "Food Waste Reduction – County Plan Requirement"

PL 2025, c.309 "University Food Waste Reduction Plan"

PL 2025, c.211 "Solar Panel Recycling"

PL 2025, c.330 "Dirty Dirt Amendments"

PL 2025, c.389 - Tire License Bill

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- c. **2025 Municipal Tonnage Grant:** Mr. D’Altilio spoke about common errors in data entry, use on the new column on the Excel workbook and reminded that the Grant Form must be signed by a CRP and if their town did not have one he would review sign and submit.

Also, that the **Statements of Compliance/Intent** – for the 2025 MTG program requires that they must have attended one County Meeting in 2025 and at least one in 2026 and visit a Class A facility, in-person or virtually in 2026

B. Health Department– 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

D. Old/Continuing Business:

- a. **Markets Report** – Mr. DeFeo reported that corrugated production and prices are down, more than likely to the tariff issues.

E. New Business: Presentation and Consideration of Montclair Township’s Administration Action to Implement Community Gardens Compost Operation at Two Locations – Lisa Johnson, PhD, Montclair

F. Member’s Comments: None.

G. Public Comments: - None

H. Adjournment - A motion was made and the meeting was adjourned, at 2:13 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 26, 2026 in Garibaldi Hall of the Environmental Center.**