



MINUTES

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

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Garibaldi Hall, Essex County Environmental Center, Roseland

Len Waterman, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:04pm.

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

16 Members or Municipal Representatives, one from Essex County Health Dept. one from Reworld, and two from DeFeo Associates were present.

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

Chairperson's Comments – Mr. Waterman ask that a voice roll call be held as there were 2 new members of SWAC present, Walter Clarke, South Orange and Ann Stusnick, North Caldwell.

Committee Reports:

A. ECUA – DeFeo Associates –

- a. Mr. DeFeo provided updates to the following Bills:
 - i. Bottle Bill - Update
 - ii. EPR update
 - iii. Truth in Labeling Update
- b. He also reported on the following items:
 - i. County Recycle Materials Survey Results for Essex County – The Survey results have been distributed to all SWAC/MRCs and he asked that they be revied and to notify him of any discrepancies
 - ii. HHW and E-waste – Spring 2024
 1. Initial Results – HHW 2,084 vehicles 63 tons of material, E-waste, 1,387 vehicles 24 pallets of material
 - iii. E-waste and HHW fall dates – E-waste October 19, 2024, HHW November 9, 2024. As usual Municipal governments the day before. The will take A/C units, and Microwaves on e-waste day and Oxygen, and Helium takes on HHW Day.
 - iv. He also discussed the Paint Care Bill and the impact of such a program on HHW collections.

B. Health Department Report

Mr. Pilas reported that the 2024 mandatory DEP Solid Waste inspections were complete, and that they are still receiving calls about stores using plastic bags.



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C. Facilities Reports:

- a. **AERI** – No report - No representative in attendance.
- b. **Reworld (Covanta)** – Stacey Vickers reported that the facility' Company name has been changed to Reworld. The facility is operating with no issues. Also the is an outage planned for the first week in September and that there should be no impact on Essex Municipalities.
- c. **Waste Management** – No report - No representative in attendance.

Old/Continuing Business:

- A. **Tonnage Reports** – Mr. D’Altilio spoke about the 2023 MTG and that the municipalities have until June 15th to make changes or additions to the material they submitted. He also mentioned that the only had to “sign” 4 MTG this year and next year it will down to 2 towns.
- B. **ANJR** – Mr. DeFeo inquired if there were any new ANJR members. There were none. He then spoke about the importance of being an ANJR Member especially now that there was discussion about a Bottle Bill. Mr. D’Altilio reported that ANJR has a new website and current member will be required to log-in with new user information.
- C. **Markets Report Update** – Mr. DeFeo reported that latest reports show that the markets are stable. He also mentioned that Atlantic Cost Fibers in Passaic in now in operation, IWS is opening a new MRF in North Alington and Waste Management has committed to re-tool their Newark facility. This should impact recycle material disposition costs.

New Business: - None

Member’s Comments: - None

Public Comments: - None

Adjournment - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjointed at 1:53 pm.
Next meeting is scheduled for **JULY 23rd in the Main Building of the Environmental Center**