



## MINUTES

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

September 24, 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.

Eleven Members or Municipal Representatives, one from Essex County Health Dept., two from Greenchip Recycling, one member of the public, and two from DeFeo Associates were present.

The minutes for the July meeting were approved with no changes

**Chairperson's Comments** – Mr. Waterman inquired if Essex County DPW employees participate in the E-waste & HHW Days. Mr. DeFeo responded that they do on a limited basis. Mr. Waterman then asked if municipal employees can volunteer to assist. Mr. DeFeo responded no because of insurance liability issues.

Mr. Waterman, modified the agenda to allow Greenchip Recycling to present a PowerPoint on their company. The presentation by Mr. Kaasmann and Mr. Srokosz was followed by a Q&A.

(Note: Greenchip is the E-waste vendor for ECUA.)

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **A. ECUA – DeFeo Associates –**

- a. Mr. DeFeo distributed the ECUA Fall 2024 HHW Day flyer update noting the new date. He reminded the group of the date change of the HHW Day (November 9) and that they would be accepting empty Oxygen and Helium cylinders at HHW Day. Also, as usual, Municipal governments may bring allowable materials the day before the event with the limitations as per NJDEP regulations in place.
- b. He reported on the following:
  - i. ANJR – Recommendations on Truth in Labeling and a Statewide Materials list. The full report will be emailed to the members.
  - ii. He reported on the possibility of changes to the current “Plastic/Paper bag and polystyrene food container ban” (P.L. 2020 c.117) that may allow paper bags. The changes would be similar to the California Law.

##### **B. Health Department Report**

Mr. Pilas reported that the Class A list as appears on the ECUA Website needs to be updated.



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#### 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. **ANJR** – Mr. DeFeo reported that Bill Barlett from Glen Ridge was listed as a new member on the ANJR website. He spoke about the importance of being an ANJR Member and the upcoming Symposium on October 23 at the Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune.
- b. **Markets Report Update** – Mr. DeFeo reported that latest reports show that the markets are stable. Cardboard is at a seasonal high of \$115/t, PET 20¢/t, Aluminum 60¢/t

**New Business:** - Mr. D’Altilio reminded that the MRCs that they should have received their 30-day desk audit and sent changes to DEP.

**Member’s Comments:** - There was a discussion on recycling of Styrofoam and if there was a place that would accept tires at no cost.

**Public Comments:** - None

**Adjournment** - A motion was made and seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for **November 26<sup>th</sup> in Garibaldi Hall at the Environmental Center.** Members were reminded that this is the reorganization meeting and members will be asked to vote on new officers.