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County of Sussex

SUSSEX COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:32p.m. by Chairperson Bill Eaves. The meeting is being held remotely and in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (PL Chapter 231). Proper notice has been sent to the local newspapers, County website and posted on the bulletin board at the County Administrative Center, 1 Spring Street Newton, New Jersey 07860.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Busniak, Byram Township
Virgil Rome, Fredon Township
Brian Waddell, Green Township
Karen Hansen, Hampton Township
Joshua Raff, Hardyston Township
Laurie Averill, Hopatcong Borough
Adam Vough, Town of Newton
Corey Stoner, Sparta Township
Bill Eaves, Stanhope Borough, Chair
Mario Poggi, Sussex Borough
Jon Morris, Wantage Township
Joe Sabella, At-Large

EXCUSED MEMBERS: David Silverthorne, Frankford Township
Russell Law, Hamburg Borough

ABSENT MEMBERS: Jason Doyle, Franklin Borough
Stephanie Pizzulo, Lafayette Township
Michael Rathbun, Montague Township

STAFF MEMBERS: Autumn Sylvester, P.P. Planning Director
Robert McBriar, Esq., SWAC Counsel
Christy Degeorgis, Recording Secretary
Corey Minnick, Senior Planning Aide

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Dawn Latincics, Sussex County Recycling Coordinator
Joe Sesto, SCMUA

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Brian Waddell to approve the Minutes of March 11, 2025 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mike Busniak. A roll-call vote was taken. Results were as follow: Mike Busniak-Yes; Virgil Rome-Yes; Brian Waddell-Yes; Joshua Raff-Yes; Laurie Averill-Yes; Adam Vough-Yes; Corey Stoner-Abstain; Bill Eaves-Yes; Mario Poggi-Yes. All were in favor, with abstentions from Corey Stoner. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Administrative Action – RER Supply LLC Class B & C Recycling Facility

Autumn Sylvester reported that the Division received an administrative action request from RER Supply LLC, a combined Class B and Class C facility. The request was submitted at the direction of the NJDEP to correct clerical discrepancies between the County’s Solid Waste Management Plan and the information contained in the DEP’s permit records, specifically regarding the company name. The facility is currently identified in the Plan as RER Center LLC; however, a prior administrative action completed in 2021 transferred ownership to RER Supply LLC for the property located at Block 3, Lot 2.01, 310 Route 23 in Wantage. The permit approvals and ownership transfer documents list the address as Block 3, Lot 2.01, One Clark Road in Wantage, and the street address should have been updated during the transfer process. Ms. Sylvester also outlined the facility’s operating hours and approved activities.

Chairperson Eaves confirmed that the only changes under consideration are the facility’s name and address. Ms. Sylvester stated that this is correct and noted that the hours of operation are were being updated to align with the facility’s general permit approval.

Chairperson Eaves asked whether any operational changes were proposed. Ms. Sylvester responded that no changes to existing operations are being requested. She then went over revisions made to the resolution that was distributed with the SWAC mailing.

Jon Morris asked whether the Township of Wantage had been notified of the application and whether the municipality has any authority over the hours of operation. Ms. Sylvester explained that the hours of operation are already established in the facility’s general permit, as confirmed by the NJDEP. The update simply reflects those hours in relation to the 2012 County Plan Amendment. NJDEP copied the Township of Wantage in email correspondence.

MOTION

A motion was made by Joe Sabella for an Administrative Action for RER Supply LLC Class B & C Recycling Facility. The motion was seconded by Brian Waddell. A roll-call vote was taken. Results were as follow: Mike Busniak-Yes; Virgil Rome-Yes; Brian Waddell-Yes; Karen Hansen-Yes; Joshua Raff-Yes; Laurie Averill-Yes; Adam Vough-Yes; Corey Stoner-Yes; Bill Eaves-Yes; Mario Poggi-Yes; Jon Morris-No; Joe Sabella-Yes. Motion carried.

B. Solid Waste Plan Amendments – Incomplete Applications

Ms. Sylvester explained to the SWAC members the two incomplete letters that were sent out for applications that were received for full plan amendments to the Sussex County Solid Waste Management Plan.

B(i). Ag. Choice

Ms. Sylvester provided an overview of Ag Choice and its facility located at 93 Brighton Road in Andover Township. She outlined the materials required for the application that were not submitted by the applicant and noted that this proposal will require a full SWM Plan Amendment. The application was deemed incomplete.

B(ii). Andover Organics

Ms. Sylvester explained Andover Organics application for a SWMP Amendment. The applicant is proposing a new Class C facility located in Andover Township. She described all required completeness items and went over items not provided and/or missing information. The application was deemed incomplete.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS:

A. SCMUA UPDATE:

Joe Sesto reported that they are about 1/3rd through the year. They were slightly lower than last year because of the leap year in 2024. Through March 31 they are 1% higher, 300 tons in comparison to last year. They saw slight increases in ID13; 13c; 23; 30. Slight decreases in ID10; 102; 13cc; 25. Generally they are on track. They are not seeing any drop in comparison to last year.

B. RECYCLING COORDINATOR:

Dawn Latincsics reported Year 2025 through March that they were down 6% across the different recycling commodities. There were a few that did not get shipped that will be shipped in April so it might be a little misleading. In March they continued their education with a tour for the Andover Cub Scouts. She informed the SWAC that they have their spring electronic event coming up this Saturday from 9 until 2 when all electronics will be free. They also have towns and schools invited to come on Friday to drop off any electronics that they might have. They are looking forward to an Earth Day celebration coming up where they are inviting 265 area school children coming next week as well.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

A. PLANNING REPORT:

Ms. Sylvester informed the SWAC that the County has agreed to act as a negotiating entity for the cross acceptance process for the State Plan Update. She explained that cross acceptance is really a process through all levels of government to try to obtain a high level of consistency among municipal, county, regional state plans and the State master plan. She explained the cross acceptance process to the SWAC members. If anyone is interested on providing comments on the

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State Plan, she included a link to the State Plan engagement hub. She explained the specific goals and objectives as it relates to solid waste and recycling.

B. HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

No update or report provided.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ms. Sylvester briefed the SWAC members on the correspondence consisting of SW Transporter Monthly Report for Active Env. Tech. Inc. for Feb.2025 and the SW Facility Monthly Report for C.E.C.S. for Feb.2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairperson Eaves asked for a motion to open the meeting to the public. A motion was made by Jon Morris to open to the public for comment. The motion was seconded by Brian Waddell and carried unanimously.

No public was present.

Chairperson Eaves asked for a motion to close the meeting to the public. A motion was made by Jon Morris to close to the public for comment. The motion was seconded by Brian Waddell and carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

All business having been completed, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jon Morris. The motion was seconded by Brian Waddell and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.