

**Middlesex County
Solid Waste Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019
Middlesex County Fire Training Academy**

Attendees

*Edward Segotta, representing Carteret Mayor Dan Reiman
*Linda Scott, representing Cranbury Mayor James Taylor
*Marc Coleman, representing East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen
*John Hanson, representing Edison Mayor Thomas Lankey
*Paul Reed, representing Helmetta Mayor Christopher Slavicek
*Frank Troy, representing Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler
*Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg Mayor Marlene Lowande
*Wayne Horbatt and Joe Slomian, representing Monroe Mayor Gerald Tamburro
*Ralph Jasionowski, representing Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber
*Eric Chaszar, representing North Brunswick Mayor Mac Womack
*Kyle Harris, representing Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry
*Guy Gaspari, representing Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler
*Neil Blitz, representing Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu
*Bernard Bailey, representing Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien
*Paul Luceri, representing South Brunswick Mayor Charles Carley
*Alice Tempel, representing South Plainfield Mayor Matthew P. Anesh
*Rob Mitzelman, representing Spotswood Mayor Edward Seely
*Audrey Rozger, representing Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac
*Paul Clark
*Angelo Covino
*Patrick McGaheran
*Gary Sondermeyer
*Stephen O'Reilly
*Nicholas Smolney
*George Ververides, Middlesex County Planning Board
*Joe DiFillippo, Middlesex County Environmental Health Division
*Paul Clark, MCUA
*Jim Polos, MCIA
Robert Leslie, MCUA
Diane Hanlon, MCIA
Frank Lankey, MCIA
Amber Shiffner, Middlesex County Environmental Health Division
Donna Stoddard, South River Public Works
Lori Spathis, Metuchen Public Works
James Cipas, Woodbridge Public Works
Barbara Grippe, Old Bridge Public Works
Loren Ventrice, North Brunswick Public Works
Dave Sliker, Middlesex County
Erin Senape, South Amboy
Anthony Russomanno, Edison Public Works
Carole Tolmachewich, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management

Chris Sikorski, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
Fred Stanger, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management
*denotes SWAC membership

At 1:39 PM, SWAC pledged the allegiance to the flag.

I APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 11, 2019 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Mr. Smolney, seconded by Mr. Sondermeyer and the motion carried unanimously.

II CORRESPONDENCE

The following members requested an excused absence: Ms. Caputo and Mr. Smalley. A motion to excuse was made by Ms. Scott, seconded by Mr. Bailey and the motion carried unanimously.

III DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ms. Tolmachewich provided the solid waste management report during the recycling coordinator meeting portion under VII New Business.

IV AGENCY REPORTS

1. DEP REPORT

No one was present from the NJ DEP to provide a report, however, Ms. Tolmachewich provided information on behalf of the NJ DEP.

Through a Virginia based organization called the Recycling Partnership there are free open-sourced templates that recycling coordinators can use to promote recycling right. This includes being able to create customized stickers which lists the items that belong in the recycling bin.

A couple of reminders: America Recycles Day is November 15th and municipalities should take advantage of getting on board with the Recycle Coash app, since the NJ DEP is paying for the service.

By law, a food waste reduction plan must be developed, with the focus on source reduction of food waste. The draft form is currently on the NJ DEP website and public meetings will be held on September 17 and 19 from 6 PM – 8 PM.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION - SOLID WASTE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Reports for the months of June, July and August were made available on the front table.

Mr. DiFillippo reported that odor complaints at the landfill remain low.

June 30th marked the fiscal year end and quite a few violations were issued, and several are still outstanding.

The delinquent hauler program continues and through the environmental prosecutor there are currently complaints against 10 defendants.

3. MCIA REPORT

Mr. Polos reported the MCIA will be going out to bid for curbside recycling in several weeks, with a due date at the end of November with an anticipated award date of sometime in December.

It is forecasted that the price could be between 3 and 4 times the current rate, as was the experience of a

municipality recently. The largest cause of the anticipated increase is contamination.

It will take the cooperation of everyone working together to continue the efforts to reduce contamination, since clean material will be key.

V OLD BUSINESS - STATUS OF DISTRICT WASTE FACILITY

1. MCUA REPORT ON MIDDLESEX COUNTY LANDFILL

Mr. Clark provided a copy of the monthly report on the front table.

There is a downtrend of ID 10 waste going to the landfill but an increase in ID 13. Year to date, the total tonnage is down 16,000 tons compared to last year.

The installation of the 2-ring odor control system is complete, and the bugs are still being worked out, but odor control is much better.

There was an accelerated completion of the 30-acre temporary cap.

Work began on the final cap of 18 acres along Edgeboro Road in early August, which should run through to February or March of 2020, with good progress so far.

VI OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Blitz mentioned that SWAC is still waiting for a response from the NJ DEP regarding the new guidance procedures for any new facilities that require Solid Waste Plan inclusion.

VII NEW BUSINESS

1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION 003-19 (Plan Inclusion Procedures for Exempt Composting Operations)

Ms. Tolmachewich explained that under certain NJ DEP recycling exemptions, one particular composting exemption requires County Plan Inclusion. It was recently determined via a site inspection by County and State personnel that there is at least one exempted composting facility in Middlesex County that will require County Plan Inclusion. AA 003-19 addresses this by formulating less stringent requirements for facilities that are exempt, rather than using the requirements for permitted facilities.

Mr. Sondermeyer asked for clarification if the exemption is for material being generated off site, and the answer was yes. The exemption is not for self-generating facilities.

Ms. Tempel asked how much material is allowed under the exemption and it was determined 10,000 cubic yards is the maximum amount of material allowed.

A motion was made by Mr. Smolney to approved AA 003-19, seconded by Mr. Bailey and the motion carried unanimously without any abstentions.

2. RECYCLING COORDINATORS MEETING

The following topics were discussed during the Recycling Coordinator Meeting

Colgate Facility Tour

E-waste

Recycling Enhancement Grants

Interlocal Service Agreements

ANJR events

Legislation
Compost Workshops

VIII GENERAL PUBLIC PORTION

No one was present from the general public.

Ms. Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Coleman.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Neil Blitz
SWAC Chairperson