

**Middlesex County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC)  
October 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
Virtual via Microsoft Teams**

Attendees

\*Jerry Thorne, representing Cranbury Mayor Matthew Scott  
\*Marc Coleman, representing East Brunswick Mayor Brad Cohen  
\*Paul Reed, representing Helmetta Mayor Christopher Slavicek  
\*Frank Troy, representing Highland Park Mayor Gayle Brill Mittler  
\*Joseph Intravartola, representing Jamesburg  
\*Ralph Jasionowski, representing Milltown Mayor Eric Steeber  
\*Ryan Berger, representing New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill  
\*Erin Maguire, representing New Brunswick Mayor James Cahill  
\*Eric Chaszar, representing North Brunswick Mayor Mac Womack  
\*Kyle Harris, representing Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry  
\*Geri Barcheski, representing Perth Amboy Mayor Wilda Diaz  
\*Neil Blitz, representing Plainsboro Mayor Peter Cantu  
\*Bernard Bailey, representing Sayreville Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick  
\*Paul Luceri, representing South Brunswick Mayor Charles Carley  
\*Alice Tempel, representing South Plainfield Mayor Matthew P. Anesh  
\*Adriano Soares, representing South River Mayor John Krenzle  
\*Audrey Rozger, representing Woodbridge Mayor John McCormac  
\*Angelo Covino  
\*Thomas Cunningham  
\*Robert Leslie  
\*Stephen O'Reilly  
\*Nicholas Smolney  
\*Dawn Slawsky, NJ DEP  
\*Erin Jensen, NJ DEP  
\*George Ververides, Middlesex County Planning Board  
\*Joe DiFillippo, Middlesex County Environmental Health  
\*Paul Clark, MCUA  
\*Paul Maticera, MCIA  
\*Michael Williams, Middlesex County Counsel  
Diane St. John, Carteret  
Joe Sloman, Monroe  
Loren Ventrice, North Brunswick  
Barbara Grippe, Old Bridge  
Elyse Barone, Sayreville  
Erin Senape, South Amboy  
Donna Stoddard, South River  
Frank Lankey, MCUA  
Dave Sliker  
Jeff Casaletto, GP Harmon  
Lane E. Cook, GP Harmon  
Michael Trout  
Carole Tolmachewich, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management

Mike Kosty, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management  
Fred Stanger, Middlesex County Solid Waste Management  
\*denotes SWAC membership

## **I Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting were approved with two changes regarding the report from Mr. DiFillippo. The motion was made by Mr. Smolney, seconded by Mr. Coleman, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **II Correspondence**

The was no correspondence.

## **III Division of Solid Waste Management Report**

Ms. Tolmachewich provided the DSWM report during the Municipal Recycling Coordinators portion of the meeting.

## **IV Agency Reports**

### **1. NJ DEP Report**

Ms. Jensen and Ms. Slawsky were present but there was nothing to report from the NJ DEP.

### **2. Environmental Health Division - Solid Waste Enforcement Report**

The Solid Waste Enforcement report for the month of September was sent to the SWAC members via email prior to this meeting.

Mr. DiFillippo reported there were no odor complaints during the month of September.

The Division continues to focus on delinquent haulers, haulers who are disposing of waste at locations other than the Middlesex County landfill. There has been quite a bit of activity the last several months and some cases have been forwarded to the Environmental Prosecutor's office for follow up. Mr. DiFillippo works closely with Frank Lankey and Shirley Swayze who assist with identifying the delinquent haulers.

The annual Solid Waste Outreach and Training event will occur virtually this year, on Thursday November 12 and notices will be sent out. Continuing education credits will be available for both Public Works and Recycling Coordinators.

### **3. MCIA Report**

The MCIA Report for the month of September was sent to the SWAC members via email prior to this meeting.

Mr. Maticera didn't have anything else to add to the report that was already sent out. Ms. Tempel asked about the status of the availability of 32 gallon curbside recycling containers. Ms. Jimenez replied that there are some containers available. Mr. Maticera mentioned that more containers will be ordered near the end of the year with hopes of having them available in January.

## **V Old Business – Status of District Waste Facility**

### **1. MCUA Report on Middlesex County Landfill**

The MCUA Report for the month of September was sent to the SWAC members via email prior to this meeting.

Mr. Clark mentioned that they continue to see a dip by a couple of percentage points of the total tonnage coming into the landfill compared to this time last year and that odor complaints continue to trend as either non-existent or very few.

## **VI Other Old Business**

### **1. Administrative Action 002-20 (986 Jersey Ave / Solterra Class A Recycling Facility – New Brunswick)**

This agenda item was tabled.

### **2. Administrative Action 003-20 (GP Harmon Class A, South Plainfield)**

Ms. Tempel, chair of the SWAC site visit subcommittee, reported that the subcommittee visited the proposed facility and found no objections. The South Plainfield Fire Official is continuing to work with GP Harmon to address fire concerns. The facility will appear before the local zoning board and currently there is no official position being taken by South Plainfield. Mr. Blitz asked to clarify the number of trucks that will be entering the facility. Ms. Tempel responded that approximately 40 trucks will arrive with smaller cardboard bales and approximately 30 trucks will leave with larger cardboard bales daily.

Mr. Covino made a motion to amend the Solid Waste Management Plan to include the facility and Mr. Coleman seconded the motion. The motion passed which included abstentions from Ms. Tempel, Mr. Covino, Mr. Leslie, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Chaszar.

### **3. Administrative Action 004-20 (LMS/Gasko exempt Class C, Monroe)**

This is the first facility to be included in the solid waste management plan that is operating with an exemption, but is still required to be included in the plan.

Mr. Slomian, chair of the SWAC site visit subcommittee, reported that the subcommittee visited the proposed facility and found no objections and Monroe Township supports the facility.

It was clarified that if the Administrative Action is approved, the applicant will then have to file for the exemption with the NJ DEP and follow the written regulations as per the exemption.

Mr. Coleman made a motion to adopt the Administrative Action and Ms. Tempel seconded the motion. The motion passed which included abstentions from Mr. Covino, Mr. Leslie, and Mr. Cunningham.

## **VII New Business**

### **1. Administrative Action 005-20 (Municipal Summary Guide)**

Each Recycling Coordinator has been contacted to ensure that the summary guide is accurate. If there are any other changes, please reach out to Ms. Migdalia Velez at the DSWM who will ensure that the changes will be incorporated before the next SWAC meeting.

### **2. Municipal Recycling Coordinators Meeting**

Recycling Coordinators, in order to retain their certification, must attend at least one meeting a year, so this meeting will qualify.

The DSWM is currently gearing up towards planning dates and locations for both the 2021 paper

shred and household hazardous waste programs.

The proposed Choose to Reuse program has been cancelled for 2020 and will be picked back up in 2021. More details will be provided during the Solid Waste Outreach and Training event.

Two legislative initiatives continue to dominate, including a plastic bag/paper bag and polystyrene food container ban as well as a recycled content bill. The ban legislation is awaiting the Governor's anticipated signature.

Virtual assembly shows have been offered by Bill Kerwood with mixed results in participation. A virtual backyard composting workshop was successfully held in the spring and another one is planned later this year on November 7.

A winner was picked for the coloring contest. There was less participation this year due to COVID-19.

Various webinars / meetings continue to be available through ANJR (Association of NJ Recyclers).

Erin Maguire introduced herself as replacing Donna Caputo as the Recycling Coordinator for the City of New Brunswick.

Mr. Blitz acknowledged the retirement of Linda Scott as of October 1, 2020 and she will be missed. Ms. Barcheski added to the sentiment.

### **VIII General Public Portion**

There was no one from the general public.

Mr. Smolney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Covino.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Stanger

Neil Blitz  
SWAC Chairperson