



## **Recycling Legislation**

Jim W. reviewed Senate Joint Resolution (Senate Joint Resolution) 2, House Bill (HB) 159, HB 146, and SJR 7.

SJR 2 indirectly states that it is important to divert yard waste from disposal and delays the enforcement of the yard waste ban at the Cherry Island Landfill until January of 2008. SJR 2 also directs DNREC and the DSWA to work together on a number of things including reporting to the General Assembly. Wally asked about the haulers efforts. Mr. Parkowski explained that all of the haulers did have a system in place to either collect yard waste on their own or partner with another business to collect yard waste. Some haulers just did not have a system that was agreeable to all of their customers. That is their business decision. Mr. Parkowski added that haulers are going to be slow to start yard waste programs because it is difficult to make a business decision without some certainty on the ban. Pat C. said that he knows DNREC is steadfast on maintaining the ban and the DSWA is in support of it as well.

HB 146 was replaced by House Substitute (HS) 1 for HB 146 which combined HB 146 with the funding components of the Administration's HB 159. HS 1 for HB 146 failed in the House of Representatives.

HB 159 got out of committee and was laid on the table.

HJR 7 called for a task force within state government to evaluate recycling and environmentally preferable purchasing among state agencies. It got out of committee and was laid on the table.

Mr. Barrish commented that while he generally supported HB 159 it seemed very bureaucratic and difficult to understand. Paul B. suggested discussing strategies for recycling legislation in September.

## **DNREC Community Yard Waste Demonstration Sites**

Jim S. explained that DNREC is working on establishing three community yard waste demonstration sites by the end of the year in response to SJR 2. The "DART" site is up and running near the southwest corner of the intersections of Routes 13 and 72. The hours are Friday through Sunday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the site is free for residents. It is not open to municipalities or businesses. The second site will likely be north of Sunset Lake off of Route 72. Jim S. said that DNREC is having trouble finding a spot in the Northern part of New Castle County but is working on it.

## **Additional Comments**

Mr. Flaherty said the RPAC does an excellent job and is making progress in Delaware.

## **Schedule for Future Meetings**

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at the Brandywine Hundred Library on Foulk Road in Wilmington.

The meeting adjourned around 3:30.