

Recycling Public Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Location: Appoquinimink State Service Center, 122 Silver Lake Road
Middletown, DE 19709

Members present: BJ Vinton, Chairman (CSWSC)
Paul Bickhart (Recycling Industry)
Charles Campbell-King (Public)
Dick Cecil (DE Association of Counties)
Marjorie Crofts (DNREC)
George Danneman (Soda Beverage Industry)
Stan Mills (League of Local Governments)
Mike Parkowski (DSWA)
Coralie Pryde (League of Women Voters)
Julie Miro Wenger (Del. Food Industry Council)
Brian Nixon (DE Chamber of Commerce)

Members absent: Marianne Cinaglia (DeEASI)
Wendy Turner (Mt. Pleasant Elementary)
Adam Webster (Restaurant Industry)
Bob Ziegler (Waste Hauler Industry)

Non-members present: Bill Miller (DNREC) Jim Short (DNREC)
Allen Thienpont (Waste Industries) Bierta Francais (public)

Call to Order, Introductions

BJ Vinton called the meeting to order at approximately 1:40PM.

Public Comments - None

Approval of September 23, 2015 Meeting Minutes

The September meeting minutes were unanimously approved as written. Charles Campbell-King abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the last meeting.

14th Annual Report – BJ explained that due to a delay in the calculation of the diversion rate as a result of late reporting, and more recently DNREC staff shortages, that the draft Annual Report is underway but not yet ready for RPAC review. With the coming holiday season it was agreed that the scheduled November and December RPAC meetings would be cancelled and instead a combined meeting will be convened at 1:00 p.m. on December 9, 2015 in a location in Kent County to be determined. DNREC will issue the draft Report prior to the Thanksgiving holiday in order to give RPAC Members ample time to review the report and finalize it at the December 9, 2015 meeting. Jim S. briefly discussed the status of the draft report and the estimated diversion rate. Mike P. discussed the difference between MSW and TSW, stated the TSW report would be available soon, and shared that the TSW diversion rate is estimated at 72%. For the “Recommendations” section of the report:

- Marj recommended we request a status report for Executive Order 18.
- Charles suggested the RPAC offer recycling facility tours for legislators and especially their aids to familiarize them with recyclables management issues in Delaware.
- Stan suggested we itemize our expectations
- BJ requested, using last year’s recommendation number 4 as an example, that there be a short write-up discussing the status of the organics situation within the state.

- Members were asked to prepare their recommendations for the next Council meeting.

SCR 35 Organic Task Force (OTF) update – Mike P. gave a brief overview of the OTF discussions, mentioning that the definition of organics was a topic of discussion, that different technologies and challenges have been discussed, and that regardless of the method of management chosen the incoming streams need to be of a clean and consistent quality in order to manage them effectively. Mike P. stated that the forthcoming waste characterization study will provide valuable information on potential sources and quantities of organic materials. The OTF meeting for November was cancelled but the group will meet again on December 7th.

Recycling Market update – Fiber remains steady and metal and plastics are down.

Council By-Laws – Deferred till next meeting.

Old/New Business – No discussion

Additional Public Comments - None

Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 1:00PM – 3:30PM, Kent County (location TBD)

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20PM.