

## **Meeting of ANJHHWC- November 30, 2011**

### **Executive Board Meeting:**

- Meeting called to order by President JoAnn Gemenden at 9:45am.
- JoAnn discussed making changes to the website as per the By Law revisions; this will be brought up at today's general membership meeting.
- ANJHHWC Treasurer Sikorski reported: membership dues for 2011 totaled \$3,475.00 and the current balance is \$14,076.54.
- JoAnn stated she will present the E-Waste Subcommittee report consisting of the new 60-second PSA, distribute solid waste facility signs and discuss the next E-waste sub-committee meeting during the regular meeting.
- JoAnn will ask the membership to appoint a Finance Committee to review the Treasure's records and books annually. The Committee should not exceed 3 members in good standing that have not served on the executive committee for the past 5 years.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:05am.

### **Regular Meeting:**

JoAnn thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She mentioned that the executive board held a meeting prior to the open meeting to address some required business mandated by ANJHHWC's position as a 501-3(c) organization.

**Introductions** Everyone went around the room and introduced themselves to all the people present.

**Treasure's Report** - Chris Sikorski presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated the balance in the bank account is currently \$14,076.54. Chris stated that Larry Gindoff has sent out 2012 membership applications. He mentioned the website had an error in the dues listed on the bylaws so Larry was instructed to correct them to be consistent with the current membership forms.

Chris continued and reminded everyone that the ANJHHWC, as a 501-3(c), must perform an annual financial review. Tom Burbridge and Melissa Harvey volunteered to get together to review/audit the finances prior to the March meeting.

**Membership Fees 2012** - Chris requested that everyone try to get membership dues into the ANJHHWC by beginning of the year. Alain Fortier asked how do we get every county to join as we are missing 4 of the 21 counties. He feels we should target these 4

counties to be members. Alain volunteered to work on that effort. JoAnn stated we will all work on that effort. We should find out why they don't want to join.

**NJDEP Award** - Carol Tolmachewich mentioned that she submitted our association for a NJDEP award for the RBRC battery program conducted in 2010 promoting rechargeable battery recycling. The ANJHHWC was presented an award from NJDEP for that effort.

**E-Waste/Electronics Update:** JoAnn presented an update on the ANJHHWC's efforts with respect to promoting electronics recycling. She stated that we took the battery committee that worked so well in 2010 and morphed it into an E-waste committee to perform publicity for the state's new E-waste recycling program. JoAnn mentioned that the committee was able to accomplish a few tasks even without obtaining any grant money. JoAnn played the E-Waste 60-seconds PSA for every one which was created by the ANJHHWC. Larry stated he will post the PSA on the website.

JoAnn showed the "No E-waste" sign the Union County sign shop made up for all disposal facilities in NJ. She informed everyone to take one for each disposal facility in each county.

JoAnn updated members on status of NJDEP grant proposal. There has been no movement on the NJDEP providing ANJHHWC with grant dollars to implement an E-waste educational initiative as they are required to do in accordance with the law. Guy Watson stated there is no reason to assume the grant to the ANJHHWC won't move forward. He feels the success of the battery program should convince the purchasing people that ANJHHWC is a sole-source provider so the grant can be issued without a long drawn-out procurement process. The grant amount proposed is \$25,000, if and when it hopefully gets approved. Nevertheless, even without grant money, the ANJHHWC accomplished some tasks helping the cause including the creation of signs and PSAs.

JoAnn discussed the proposed E-waste toolkit. It provides suggestions, or tools, to retailers to use to comply with their E-waste requirements. She thought this was a great idea that had a lot of promise.

**Guy provided a NJDEP update on E-waste** - Comments on rules ended in November with very few comments, so NJDEP doesn't expect significant changes in adoption of the rules. About after a year and one half, the Senate adopted amendments to the E-waste law regarding the credit trading issue. The issue is that no more than 25% of credits could be used for next year's programs nor could credits be used to shut down a program. It allows a vendor to potentially alter a program once it reached its obligation, IBM petitioned for this rule.

The law currently doesn't allow E-waste laws to be enforced by CEHA, that is an amendment that will be added to the new adoption of the law. If these amendments don't

get passed by the end of the term they have to start over to get amendments done. They are due for a vote in early January 2012.

DEP is now reaching out to retailers to find out what they are doing to promote E-waste, if at all. NJDEP has developed a notice for companies to post to help educate the public.

**Scavenging Problem:** NJDEP has a letter to go out to manufacturers stating that they are already paying less per pound in NJ to manage E-waste than in other parts of the country. As such, manufacturers are responsible for the management of the hazardous waste portion of E-waste from scavenged items since it is currently not an undue burden on them to be paying for the E-waste recycling in NJ. Manufacturers will not be allowed to ignore the issue.

Monica Gismondi stated John from Magnum isn't currently taking scavenged items and is currently waiting for permit modification in order to take them. In the meantime, they are stockpiled at municipal recycling depots waiting for the permit modification. The issue is people still put out materials on curbside when there is no home for them. Policing depots for scavengers is required. Guy will check on status of permit modification to see where it is. It was reported that Newtech can accept the incidental hazardous materials from the scavenged E-waste. Dennis DeMatte from Cumberland is worried that the county will have to pay the extra costs. Municipal recycling depots can hold material for 90 days without fear of NOV. Dennis and Brian Constatino thought the letter to manufacturers is important in telling them that the hazardous waste generated from scavenged items is their obligation. Brian stated many towns did away with curbside collection of E-waste so that is a help but, he still sees stuff, scavenged and dumped items, both at municipal depots and in the woods. Apartment complexes are also still an issue filled with scavenged E-waste. Jim Entwistle from Newtech suggested giving manufacturers additional credits for handling cannibalized TVs, it all comes down to the additional cost to handle glass. Jim stated he gets paid less to handle E-waste in NJ then E-waste coming from other state programs.

Guy reported that the target numbers from county collections is way below target levels. To help combat the shortfall, NJDEP will be notifying about 35 manufacturers that haven't submitted plans in accordance with the law and the state intends to take them to court if they do not submit a plan.

Guy discussed assistant commissioners Jane Kozinski efforts to evaluate the entire solid waste management strategy of New Jersey. The state sent out survey's to counties about their overall solid waste systems. The solid waste debt carried by many counties is of great interest to the assistant commissioner.

Guy and JoAnn discussed the recent certification of the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan that nullified the put-or pay components of Covanta contract which are which work in opposition to the recycling objectives of the state. Guy mentioned there is a great degree on concern regarding the constant refinancing of solid waste debt that has been going on for the past 20 years.

**Newsletter:** JoAnn suggested vendors write articles for annual newsletter and that the ANJHHWC would like to include a vendor perspective future newsletters.

**Joe Puro from National Bulb Recycling:**

A web search on fluorescent light bulb management points to county programs in NJ that have been developed for collection of intact lamps. Joe stated National Bulb Recycling (“NBR”) has programs where they issue containers to municipalities and they pickup the bulbs. They charge for recycling of bulbs, but it is a nominal fee. NBR will do bulb collection days that alongside shredding programs. NBR charges about \$0.08/lamp foot for collection programs for municipalities which includes all shipping and packaging.

**Latex Paint Management** - Alain Fortier handed out information out regarding the survey results on latex paint. Out of 14 respondents, 8 don't accept in their program. Monmouth is evaluating issue of accepting latex or not. They have about 70% of their paint being latex, so if they didn't handle it, it would eliminate quite a bit of handling.

Mark Kodrowski from MXI stated the mandated management of latex paint recycling may be coming to us soon. He provided an example in Connecticut where One Care will fund paint management programs in that state. Latex paint recycling programs are happening in other states based on a manufacturer's producer responsibility model for paints. Guy stated he has heard of no discussion regarding of this type of mandate at the state level.

Adrianna Kontovrakis from Sims Metal stated NY has stewardship council and the ANJHHWC may want to get into the same type of sustainability organization. NJ is a member of Product Stewardship Council, Guys stated, and it would make sense to make ANJHHWC the NJ designee for the PSI since he doesn't have time to to dedicate toward that organization. Therefore, Guy feels it would make sense to have ANJHHWC act as state's liaison to PSI.

**DEA Drug Programs** - Covanta states they cannot take drugs at their facilities in NJ because they haven't gotten an exemption to handle hazardous wastes yet. In other states they handle these drugs for free but they have a hazardous waste exemption.

**New Business:**

1. ANJHHWC is looking to hold our spring meeting on Wed., March 14, 2012. Hopefully at boat house in Mercer County. Larry is to send out save the date for March 14 day.
2. ANJR sent out invites for county coordinator's meeting to take place in Trenton on Dec 15 at 1:30 and JoAnn wanted to invite everyone to come to this because it is an excellent networking opportunity. This is a good meeting.

3. Diana Vigilante from Somerset County stated she is reducing HHW programs. Morris County also reported reducing programs based on the uncertainty of when and how much REA grant money would be returned to the counties. . MXI stated that in PA, pesticides management is funded by state. NY also has a program to handle this but NJ provides no direct support.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:58am.