

ANJHHWC Summer Meeting
July 24, 2013
Trenton Thunder Stadium, Trenton, NJ

Call To Order:

ANJHHWC President JoAnn Gemenden called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Daniel Napoleon for helping to setup the meeting at Trenton Thunder Stadium.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2013 meeting. This motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasure's Report:

ANJHHWC Treasurer Chris Sikorski provided a Treasurer's report. Secretary Larry Gindoff reported that the ANJHHWC has a balance of just over \$17,000 and Chris provided a report on the audit of the books to the group that was done by the Tom Burbridge and Melissa Harvey. He reported on current membership by the various counties.

Dry-Cell Battery Recycling Report:

Todd Ellis of Call2Recycle provided a report on rechargeable battery recycling program that Call2Recycle operates. He reported that collections in NJ are increasing continually which is great and NJ has big increases in the tonnages being recycled. The retail sector experienced the biggest increase and the biggest decrease was in the public sector. This is good as all the publicity has helped to sustain this program and to move the management of these batteries from the government sector to private sector retail outlets. JoAnn thanked Call2Recycle for implementing such a comprehensive and convenient system for the collection and recycling of these batteries. Reenee Casapulla stated she has had problems getting reporting on batteries and E-waste from Staples even though they do accept and recycle these materials. Todd mentioned that he could provide battery recycling numbers from Staples themselves to us and he could reach out to get Staples to report better on all their recycling. As far as chemistry, small sealed lead acid batteries have had the biggest increase and Lithium showed the biggest drop-off. A lot of this switch is due to the fact that the lithiums are often sealed within devices. JoAnn reported that Verizon's FIOS service is changing out all their UPS batteries and leaving the discarded batteries with residents to recycle and suggested that ANHWWC work to get Verizon to recycle them directly as opposed to leaving them for residents to bring to their respective HHW programs.

E-Waste Recycling

Guy Watson reported on E-Waste in NJ. He stated there are some issues with E-waste these days so Guy is going to report on it as his office recently surveyed everyone on their programs. Guy stated that things changed dramatically in some areas of the state in that residents are calling NJDEP and complaining that firms aren't recycling E-waste for free anymore and recyclers are now charging since they are being charged for CRTs without being reimbursed for accepting material from manufacturers. Companies reaching obligations started not accepting materials anymore by May of the year. Guy is concerned about reaching obligations by May when NJ has established very high obligation levels. JoAnn suggested a statewide stakeholders meeting on this matter because the public sector continues to provide programs but manufactures still have obligations to manage these materials on their own. Manufactures should better appreciate the work the public sector does in reference to E-Waste recycling. Larry Gindoff reported on Morris County's situation where a local scrap yard, Don-Jon, which handled many municipal-waste recycling programs withdrew from providing service without much warning. Guy stated he thinks an audit of facilities and programs is in order. In Camden, the fact that they are inundated with scraps yards leads it to being the wild west of E-waste. People are recommending Camden stop all curbside collection to help the scavenging problem.

Paint Program Update from Ed Waters:

JoAnn welcomed Ed Waters to his 3rd meeting. Ed reported that NJ Senator Beach is their sponsor of the legislation. They had to work through concerns with the model legislation with respect to the funding mechanism. With Paint Care being a private entity and prices being set by private business, the legislation had to make sure there were no anti-trust issues which would need to get resolved.

Universal Waste Recycling:

Emilia Puro from National Bulb described their bulb pickup service which they do on demand from municipalities. Their office is in South Jersey but their recycling facility is in Elizabeth. They provide boxes and transportation is included in the price of recycling bulbs.

JoAnn discussed thermostat recycling programs and her conversation with Scott Cassell of Product Stewardship Council. The Thermostat Recycling Corp. runs a manufactures program in several states. It is available to all HHW programs for a small fee. For a one time \$25 fee, the consortium will send a thermostat collection bin with a liner in it that can be mailed back to manufacturers once its full. The program has been around for a few years but participation is not very high but this is a program that may make sense for some NJ Counties. JoAnn will reach out to them if this makes sense. JoAnn suggested members go to TRC website and survey the facilities that accept thermostats in each county.

Medicine Disposal:

It was reported that medication disposal is expanding into each county with part of Operation Take Back.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

