

**MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

Wednesday, September 25, 2019  
Manchester Township Municipal Building  
1 Colonial Drive, Manchester Township, NJ

**SPECIAL MEETING:  
RECYCLING PUBLIC FORUM  
MEETING MINUTES**

Chairperson Middaugh called the Special Meeting of the Manchester Township Environmental Commission to order with the following statement: “Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with Open Public Meetings Act. Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was advertised in the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger and was posted in the lobby of the Municipal Building.”

Time: 6:00 PM

This was followed with the Salute to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL:**

Peggy Middaugh	Present
Rory Wells	Present
David Kiernan	Present
Mary Demarest-Paraan	Present
William Cook	Absent
Genevieve Stavallo	Absent
William Foor	Absent

**PRESENTATIONS:**

**Gary Sondermeyer – Bayshore Recycling**

Recycling markets are the most challenging in history; when there isn't a market for recyclables, there is no recycling. An economic adjustment is needed due to the recent international market restrictions from China and there is a long lead time necessary to restore domestic markets.

Overall, curbside recycling has been successful. Due to its convenience, most curbside recycling programs in New Jersey are “single stream”, which means all recyclables are picked up in one container, leading to very high contamination rates and compromised markets. There has been some talk of going back to the “dual stream” system for this reason.

Enforcing recycling at the commercial and institutional levels is challenging and recycling is confusing in general. What can be done? Standardized state recycling policies would help eliminate a lot of the confusion. Emphasis placed on state leadership including reactivation of the state's Solid Waste Advisory Council and creation of a statewide Markets Development Council. Waste reduction such as reducing unnecessary packaging and eliminating single-use plastics would be greatly beneficial. One way this can be accomplished is by using delivery programs such as the TerraCycle LOOP, a circular shopping platform that replaces single-use disposable packaging with reusable, durable packaging. Customers order products that get delivered in the mail and once the products are used, customers return packaging to the store via free scheduled pickup. Plastics bans are also becoming popular in New Jersey; 32 towns, so far, currently have bans in place. While the national recycling average is 34%, New Jersey's average is 61%.

**Sandra Blaine-Snow – Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management**

There are two Ocean County recycling centers: the Northern Recycling Center in Lakewood and the Southern Recycling Center in Stafford Township. You can drop off paint cans, used oil, light bulbs, shredded paper, etc. Woodchips and mulch can be picked up free of charge. Although what recycling centers accept may vary from town to town, curbside recycling guidelines are the same throughout every town in the county. If the neck of a bottle is smaller than the body, it is recyclable. Bottle caps should be removed and put into the garbage. Numbers 1 and 2 plastics are recyclable, as well as aluminum cans and glass. Cardboard is recyclable only if it is corrugated; tissue, cereal boxes and other chipboards are not.

Ocean County has a few Special Initiative Recycling programs that are free to residents. Hazardous Household Waste Disposal and Document Shredding events are held annually throughout the county. The Paint Management program allows residents to dispose of full, partially full and empty cans of paint at the Southern and Northern Recycling Centers during business hours.

For more information, please visit the Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management website [www.co.ocean.nj.us/recycle](http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/recycle) or Facebook @OCSWM. Please direct any recycling questions to [ocrecycles@oc.ocean.nj.us](mailto:ocrecycles@oc.ocean.nj.us) or call 732-506-5047.

**Raymond Sloan – Manchester Township Recycling Coordinator**

Manchester Township has a contractor, Central Jersey Waste, that picks up curbside recycling throughout the town. For a long time they were taking recyclables in plastics bags even though they shouldn't have been. Recently they have started enforcing this rule. Please put your recyclables directly into the garbage pail or your recyclables will not be picked up. Plastic bags jam up their machinery.

To drop off your recyclables at the Whiting Recycling Center located on Sam Pitts Road, you must be a resident of Manchester and obtain a sticker from the municipal building. There is no single stream recycling at the center; everything must be sorted. In addition to the recyclables accepted for curbside pickup, shredded paper, rigid plastics, electronics and propane tanks, if emptied prior, can be dropped off there as well. Wood chips and mulch may be picked up free of charge.

**PUBLIC FORM:**

30 minute question and answer session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Wells and seconded by Mr. Kiernan, meeting was adjourned. All in favor, motion carried.

Time: 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Frazee  
Commission Secretary