

# Yard Waste Committee Meeting

## Draft Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 30, 2005

### Smyrna Rest Area, Smyrna, DE

Members Present:	Dick Cecil	(Delaware Association of Counties)	
	Bruce Georgov	(Independent Disposal)	
	Steve Masterson	(Waste Management of DE)	
	James Werner	(Chairman, representing DNREC/DAWM)	
	Jeff Deats	(City of Seaford)	
	Clyde Roberts	(DeIEASI)	
	Hetty Francke	(University of Delaware)	
	Tom Houska	(DSWA)	
Members Not Present:	Dick Pack	(Grizzly's)	
	Tony Lemper	(Lemper's Landscaping, Inc.)	
	Dave Keifer	(DE Chapter of the Sierra Club)	
	Wesley Roan	(City of Dover)	
	Stephen Lange	(ITMS)	
Non-Members Present:	Paul Sample (Legis. Council)	Paul Wilkinson (RPAC)	James Short (DNREC)
	Janet Manchester (DNREC)	Brian Fuchs (W.L. Gore)	Bret Scott (Kent County)
	Nancy Marker (DNREC)	Alice Jacobsohn (MD-DE SWA)	Al Ostrand (DeIEASI)
	Nicole Majeski (N.C. County)	Charles Jenner (Landscape D&C)	Kim Gomes (Wood Byrd)
		Mr. & Mrs. Jim Webb (Citizens)	

### **Introductions**

Chairman Jim Werner called the meeting to order, and all attendees introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes from October 26 Meeting**

The committee approved the minutes as written.

### **Report on Yard Waste Composting Site Visit**

Jim Short and others who had participated in the site visit to Gloucester Township Municipal Utilities Authority gave their impressions of the yard waste composting operation. All agreed that the trip had been interesting and informative. Jim Short suggested that perhaps such site visits should be made available to legislators.

### **Discussion of Committee Consensus Points**

DNREC had distributed a revised draft of the consensus points by e-mail to committee members several days before this meeting. The draft incorporated the comments that DNREC had received since the last meeting. Clyde Roberts had some additional comments that he wanted the group to discuss. A written copy was distributed to committee members. The group discussed his concerns; however, Mr. Roberts stated that he still did not feel that he had enough information to enable him to vote either "yes" or "no" on the document.

Further discussion of the consensus document followed, resulting in an agreement to revise the document as follows:

- In the footnote on page 2 (addressing the cost of yard trimmings collection), delete the reference to Kent County’s bid for yard trimmings collection in the franchise districts.
- Change the recommended start date for the ban from “January 1, 2007” to “12 months after the enactment or administrative establishment of the ban.”
- Under Point 8 (addressing zoning and land use requirements), change the language pertaining to New Castle County to read, “In New Castle County requirements would be determined by facility classification.”
- Delete the final bullet of the document (referring to S.B. 225).

Tom Houska made a motion that the committee “adopt the document with changes as discussed.” Dick Cecil seconded the motion, and Jim Werner called for a voice vote. The motion passed with one “no” vote (Clyde Roberts). All those present agreed that consensus had been reached.

Jim Werner said that DNREC will make the agreed-to changes to the document. He thanked the committee members for sharing their expertise and said that the next thing they will receive from DNREC will be the full packet, which will consist of:

- A transmittal memo from Sec. Hughes to the Governor;
- The consensus document; and
- The guidance document.

### **Public Comments**

Jim Werner asked attending Smyrna residents (Mr. and Mrs. Webb) whether they would like to make any comments to the committee. Mr. Webb said that homeowners are most concerned about who will handle the yard trimmings, and at what cost, if a ban is enacted. He said that he has been to the Sandtown landfill and is aware of the need to divert material from landfilling. It is time to do something with yard trimmings, and this committee’s work seems to be a good start.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.