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COUNTY SWAC UNANIMOUSLY VOTES NO TO PROPOSED WOOD RECYCLING FACILITY IN MARLBORO

Mayor Jonathan Hornik and Marlboro Strongly Opposed Facility

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (March 20, 2015) – Last night, after three years of hearings, the County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) unanimously voted not to recommend the Atlantic Tree Recycling Facility for inclusion in the County Solid Waste plan. The meeting was held in the Agricultural building in Freehold to a room filled with Marlboro Residents, members of the Township Council, Mayor Jonathan Hornik and other Township officials.

In a Township email and Facebook post distributed shortly after the SWAC vote, Mayor Hornik stated in part, “Tonight, I along with members of the Township Council, our Township Professionals and your neighbors, attended the County Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) meeting in Freehold. We are pleased to report that tonight, the County’s Solid Waste Advisory Council (SWAC) voted NOT to recommend the Atlantic Tree Recycling Facility for inclusion in the County plan. The County heard us loud and clear--a tree recycling facility located in a residential area near a school and on a busy road was not right for Marlboro.”

Atlantic Tree Reality, LLC appeared on the Marlboro’s Zoning Board of Adjustment agenda as seeking as use variance for a wood recycling facility on February 21, 2012. The applicant refused to appear before the Township Zoning Board, deciding instead for an alternative review process by SWAC, the committee that advises the Monmouth County Freeholders on issues related to recycling facilities.

Since 2012, the Township has tracked this application and kept the public informed of its status. In preparation for a vote by SWAC on the application, Mayor Hornik reached out directly to residents in the area surrounding the proposed project site with emails, social media messages and letters. In the past few weeks, more than 60 emails were sent by Marlboro residents to the SWAC, all in opposition to the facility.

Mayor Hornik said, “We have been following this application since day one and were prepared to keep fighting, if need be.” He continued, “Hundreds of residents attended meetings, voiced

opposition and were heard. That chorus of opposition made a real difference and I am proud of our residents who care so passionately about protecting the quality of life in our Town.”

Following the SWAC meeting held in Marlboro on February 19, 2015, Mayor Hornik sent a letter to the SWAC with a copy to the Freeholders to formally request that SWAC revise its by-laws to ensure that, in the future, public hearings concerning the addition or modification of new facilities within the County’s Solid Waste Management Plan be held within the community or communities within which the new or modified facility will be/is located.

Mayor Hornik stated, “I want to thank the members of the County Administration and for SWAC for their attention to this matter. On behalf of the residents of Marlboro, I thank all of those individuals for working with us. “

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