

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 13, 2009 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The October 2009 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by Katharine Martin, Vice-Chairperson.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 8, 2009 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were no abstentions. (M. Petrus/M. DiDonato)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – No additions to tonight’s agenda were received.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – October 2009 – S. Katz distributed the October Depot Day Report via e-mail prior to tonight’s meeting. Ninety-seven vehicles were serviced. Raritan Valley Disposal delivered three dumpsters. One was placed in the far corner of the parking lot. The plastics/glass dumpster was 80% full and the paper/cardboard dumpster was 85% full. The third dumpster remained empty. One and half buckets of batteries were collected. The following day both dumpsters were completely full with after hours visitors.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission was not held due to a lack of quorum. The conservation easement letter to residents is in its final stages.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

D. Internet Recycling Prices – No report was received.

E. SWAC Report – W. Harrison was absent this evening. However, he submitted his SWAC report via e-mail prior to tonight’s meeting. The SWAC Recycling Committee submitted a “final” slightly amended form of the Uniform Recycling Ordinance. The major change was an amendment to the definition of “County” which we may or may not want to incorporate into our East Amwell amendment. It is expected that the Freeholders will approve the County Plan in late October. It is also anticipated that East Amwell Township will probably be asked to comply with the new plan by January 1, 2010. The Township has been invited to a Mayors’ Summit Meeting regarding recycling on October 14, 2009. As of this date, J. Corboy & S. Katz will attend. W. Harrison is unable to attend – out of town. The County Electronics Recycling Day was held on September 19 and seemed to be well run with no long lines. The next collection of Freon-containing appliances is set for May 2010.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – K. Martin informed members that the draft ordinance has been reviewed by the attorney for the Township and he had several questions on different sections. On October 1, these inquiries were forwarded to Alan Johnson. The Township Committee also reviewed the draft ordinance and had some concerns. These concerns were discussed by the members and they decided to adopt their suggestions. K. Martin asked for

a motion to accept these changes and incorporate them into the draft ordinance. M. Petrus made the motion and it was seconded by S. Katz. All were in favor.

B. Recycling at the Ball Fields – S. Katz reported that she has had a discussion with W. Harrison on the process of recycling at the ball fields. S. Katz suggested that since the teams are responsible for their garbage collection, why shouldn't they be responsible for their recyclables. The bags of recyclables could be deposited next to the storage shed. Members discussed briefly and agreed with her suggestion. S. Katz will distribute the information to team coordinators, including a list of what we recycle. A list of recyclables should also be hung on the Snack Shack wall. More recycling containers may be needed for all of the fields. When a final count is taken, members will decide on the purchase of more containers.

S. Katz also mentioned that she had an inquiry from a Girl Scout leader on how could the scouts be educated about recycling. Members suggested that a scout troop might volunteer to serve at a Depot Day with adult supervision naturally. They might also volunteer at the 4-H Fair booth. S. Katz also volunteered to check on the list of students who indicated an interest on becoming a youth member of the Recycling Committee. If anyone is found, he/she will be invited to attend a Recycling Committee meeting.

D. Recycling Education – S. Katz reported that the second article was printed in the VIP. M. Petrus volunteered to write the November article. S. Katz pointed out a letter to the editor that appeared in a recent issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. She suggested that we might think about doing the same. The article on the economics of recycling for the VIP will be held off until December. The website was mentioned as to lack of ease in reaching the recycling information. T. Stahl notified our website manager about the problem and he will install a link on the front page of the website to take you directly to the recycling information.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Several responses from Recycling Letter to Businesses – Letters have been issued to all businesses in East Amwell Township informing them that recycling is now mandated by the State, along with an informational sheet. Informational responses are now being returned.

B. Letter from J. Ditzel, 9/29/09, re: Farm Form

C. Memo from T. L. Matheny, 9/17/09, re: Building Access - Access card will need to be given to W. Harrison for Depot Day volunteers.

D. Memo from J. Luhrs/CFO, 10/1/09, re: 2010 Budget Request – Discussion and approval will be held at November meeting.

E. Memo from T. Stahl, 9/8/09, re: OPRA Seminar and Information

F. Various Minutes and Agendas

G. Resource Recycling Magazine – September 2009

H. Flyer for “The Lean Green Clean-Up Machine”

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - There was no new business to discuss.

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – M. Petrus mentioned that at the last Depot they found a plastic chair with the number 5 on it. He wondered if it was recyclable. He also wondered about recycling Styrofoam. Members commented that we need to modify and strengthen the list of what is recyclable.

XI. Adjournment – 8:20 PM.

(M. Petrus/M. DiDonato)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: M. Petrus, K. Martin, S. Katz, M.DiDonato,
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: W. Harrison, M. Dessel, T. Martin, M. Ammann

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their November 10, 2009 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 10, 2009 - 7:30 PM

cc: Rec. Com. Members	Board of Health	Twp. Committee & Clerk
Recreation Com.	Planning Board	Zoning Board of Adjustment
Environ. Com.	Twp. Bulletin Board	Farmland & Open Space Preservation