

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 8, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 2013 Reorganization Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:35 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the December 11, 2012 business meeting were approved with one correction on page two. There were no abstentions. (M. Petrus/S. Katz)

III. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

J. Corboy/Coordinator chaired this portion of the meeting. Motion to open nominations was made by M. Petrus and seconded by W. Harrison. J. Corboy called for nominations from the floor for the 2013 Chairperson. M. Petrus nominated W. Harrison as Chairperson. E. Johanson seconded the motion. Coordinator called for any other nominations and there were none. Nominations were closed by M. Petrus and a second was received from E. Johanson. W. Harrison was voted into office unanimously.

Motion was made by M. Petrus to open the nominations for Vice-Chairperson. This motion was seconded by E. Johanson. Coordinator called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. W. Harrison nominated S. Katz for this position. M. Petrus seconded the motion. No other nominations were received and nominations were closed by E. Johanson and seconded by M. Petrus. S.Katz was elected as Vice-Chairperson unanimously.

At the December 2012 meeting, secretary distributed a list of 2013 meeting dates.

RESOLUTION: Secretary read the 2013 Resolution and asked for a motion that we continue to hold the Recycling Committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Motion was made by M. Petrus and seconded by S. Katz and it was approved by all. Secretary will forward the Resolution to the Hunterdon County Democrat for publication in Legal Public Notices.

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no additions to the agenda.

V. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – January 2013 – The January 2013 Depot Day was distributed to members by W. Harrison prior to tonight’s meeting via e-mail. 60 vehicles were serviced, plus there were many more customers before and after our regular operating hours. Paper/cardboard dumpster was 65% full and the glass/plastic one was 40% full. By Sunday afternoon, the cardboard one was completely full, above capacity and the plastic dumpster was 65% full. E. Johanson suggested that we have an extra dumpster in January to take care of the recycling/cardboard from Christmas. However, the expense of this effort would have to be considered. W. Harrison reported that he collected one large bag of Styrofoam plus some extra fished out on Sunday. There was paper from the Municipal Building in one of the blue recycling containers plus

another one was full of bottles, etc. There are now two full bags of TerraCycle materials for delivery to the school. Andrea Bonette handed out the flyers describing the February collection. Copies of the VIP were also handed out to those who wanted a copy. Surprisingly, there were a few residents who were completely oblivious of the community newsletter. He also reported that one of the dumpsters would not close without a lot of effort and one dumpster was full of ice. The Road Crew supplied some deicer and Marc DiDonato was able to chop out about half of the ice. W. Harrison contacted Dominic Fulginiti about the ice and the sprung door situation and also discussed the issue of contaminants in the recycling.

On Sunday, W. Harrison reported that he found the worst mess in the container dumpster. There were hundreds of plastic bags, both empty and full of stuff, most of which he was able to fish out and discard. He obtained some help from Bill Reiter who stopped by to dump some containers and he stayed to help finish sorting out the contaminants. He also reported that he found a lot of plastic wrapping material and bubble wrap. W. Harrison stated that he hopes to discuss this problem with T. Matheny and decide whether cameras would deter such abuse. Members discussed other options, such as, moving the Depot to the Grit Yard and extending the hours, having members patrol the Depot during the off hours, have covers for the dumpsters and paying extra to have the dumpsters picked up on Saturday. They also discussed changing the hours of Depot Days to 9:00 AM to 12:00 N. Members agreed that the issue of installing cameras should be investigated.

Refreshments - \$8.49

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission did not meet in December 2012. However, he did report that the Plant Swap Day and Environmental Expo will be scheduled for April 27, 2013. It will be held at Clawson Park Pavilion. This is the same date as Clean-Up Day. M. Petrus also reported that he attended the meeting on the Meszaros property where it was decided that further testing should be done on the preserved area adjacent to the Meszaros property. Ground water testing will also be done. M. Petrus informed members that the Trails Clean-Up group met approximately three times during the past month to continue their job of clearing appropriate walking trails.

C. Township Committee Report – No representative was present, thus, no report was received.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did not meet in December 2012. But W. Harrison reported on a special meeting on December 18, 2012 with the County Purchasing Office of John Davenport. The meeting was arranged by Dan Shea, SWAC member from Clinton and Gary Smalley, NJ Area Municipal Manager for Republic Services, Inc. The subject of the meeting was “Shared Services” and how Hunterdon County municipalities might take advantage of shared services to gain efficiency and save money in solid waste and recycling. Much of what was discussed, although interesting, pertained primarily to towns that already have municipal contracts for solid and recycling. As a Township that has only residential and business individual subscription collection services, East Amwell options are limited. One possibility would be to go out for bids as a municipality is to establish what is called “A Municipal Special Improvement District”, which could operate separately from our tax base, thereby, avoiding exceeding the 2% budget cap

the first year. Mr. Richard Phelan, Business Manager of Clinton Township offered to advise us if

we chose to go that route. If we decide to go forward with this, we must do our homework to determine start-up costs and feasibility. Township Committee would have to consult with the Township Attorney. Member discussed in great detail and had many questions – quality of service – bid prices would have to be lower for bulk business. W. Harrison stated that he will contact Mr. Phelan to obtain more information.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP – Topics discussed: Styrofoam recycling in February 2013 only; excessive garbage in recycling dumpsters; information on CD recycling and other recycling options

B. Styrofoam Recycling Update – everything is in place for this event. Large bags have been received for the Styrofoam. M. Petrus has volunteered to deliver the bags immediately after the Depot to Hopewell. Food containers are not acceptable.

C. Don-Jon Recycling Update – S. Katz read off the list of acceptable electronics collected by Don-Jon. Their recycling box would be delivered on Friday before the Depot and picked up on Monday. Discussion followed on when to schedule this event. W. Harrison reminded members that electronics are collected by Good Will Industries and heavy metal is collected at Clean-Up Day. M. Petrus made the motion that we invite Don-Jon for metals and electronics to the October Depot Day and the motion was seconded by S. Katz. The vote was all in favor. W. Harrison reminded members that permission must be obtained from the Township Committee and also of the possibility of items being dumped on the ground next to the box after hours. S. Katz suggested that a calendar of recycling events be made up.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. List of East Amwell Township Reorganization Meetings - 2013

B. E-Mail message from T. Stahl, 1/3/13, re: Members for 2013

C. Quotes received from Hunterdon County Printing for EA Newsletter

D. E-Mail message from S.Katz, 1/4/13, re: website revisions

E. E-Mail message from B. Thurgarland, 12/26/12, re: Newsletter for East Amwell

F. Recycling Totals for November Depot Day

G. E-Mail message from M. Petrus, 12/15/12, re: Electronics & Metal Recycling update

H. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 12/14/12, re: Electronic & Metal Recycling Update

I. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 12/12/12, re: Electronic & Metal Recycling

J. E-Mail message from P. McGovern, 12/12/12, re: Electronic & Metal Recycling

K. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 12/12/12, re: Possible Municipal Registration of Clothing Donation Boxes

L. Various Minutes and Agendas

M. Resource Recycling Magazine – December 2012

N. Flyer catalog from Monarch Decals

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. 2013 Goals – Preliminary Discussion - Postponed till the February meeting.

B. Clean-Up Day - 2013 Preliminary Discussion - Members discussed and W. Harrison suggested that we hold 2013 Annual Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 27, 2013. E. Johanson made the motion to hold the 2013 Clean-Up Day on April 27, 2013. M. Petrus seconded the motion and all were in favor. W. Harrison will contact Good Will Industries to provide a truck for usable items. Secretary will notify the Township Committee and Raritan Waste Disposal, as well as B. Hummel and the Recreation Committee.

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – No comments received.

XI. Adjournment – 9:25 PM.

(E. Johanson/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, S. Katz, E. Johanson, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: M. Dessel, J. Bradstreet, E. Sailer,

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their February 12, 2013 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: February 12, 2013 - 7:30 PM

cc: Rec. Com. Members
Recreation Com.
Environ. Com.

Board of Health
Planning Board
Twp. Bulletin Board

Twp. Committee & Clerk
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Farmland & Open Space Preservation