

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 12, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:34 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the January 8, 2013 Reorganizational Meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention. (S. Katz/M. Petrus)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Paper Shredding – to be discussed under New Business.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – February 2013 – The February 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by M. Petrus. 78 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 55% full on Saturday and was 80% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 40% full on Saturday and was already picked up on Monday at 7:15 AM. A container of package wraps was collected for East Amwell School TerraCycle program. Styrofoam – two pickup truck loads and one loosely loaded Suburban – approximately nine very large plastic bags (supplied by Hopewell) were collected and delivered to Hopewell. Appreciation was extended to John Sullivan for driving his vehicle with the extras. Dumpsters were in place but presented some problems. Frozen ground in one made it difficult to shovel the container. Chunks of ice had refrozen in the front of the second dumpster and had to be chopped up and shoveled out. The area was salted. Once again, a suggestion to RVD that workable dumpsters be provided to us. W. Harrison promised to call them again. Another recommendation was given for a cutting bar for ice and for prying doors open, also a supply of salt. TerraCycle materials will be taken to East Amwell School during the month.

Members discussed changing the hours of the Depot Days. Motion was made by S. Katz and seconded by M. Petrus to change the hours to 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Motion was carried unanimously. New hours will start in April 2012.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus informed members that Blaine Hummel was present to seek support once again for Roadside Clean-Up Day. It will be held on April 20, 2013 – Saturday. A site visit will be made to the Lang property – subdivision application. G. Robbi was present to request support and participation in the FOSPC Green Fest – guided trail walks were discussed.

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

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did not meet in January 2013.

E. Other - No other reports were received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP - Suggested subjects: notice of the change in hours for the Depot Days starting in April 2013; recycling reminders; Clean-Up Day publicity. M. Petrus suggested

collecting e-mail addresses of volunteers and publicizing a summary of each Depot Day Report in the VIP.

B. Review of Expenditures from the Grant Funds – Members reviewed the lists of expenditures for the two grants – several questions were asked – missing March bill – reason for \$1000 expenditure in September 2012. There was a question about the fees actually collected at Clean-Up Day – those not pre-paid. Those amounts go into a Township General Fund. S. Katz inquired exactly what is collected on Clean-Up Day. She also inquired if there was a separate charge for the metal dumpster at Clean-Up Day. Secretary was asked to inquire from the CFO exactly how the bid is written up – a flat fee or a charge for each compactor and the metal dumpster. S. Katz also had questions about the charges for Roadside Clean-Up Day. There is usually a carryover each year from the grant fund monies. Members questioned whether some of the money could be used for issuing the Township Newsletter and also funding the proposed “Paper Shredding Day”. Secretary advised members that the springtime is the best time to issue a newsletter – more events to publicize. Secretary was asked to send a note to the Township Committee to request permission to have a “Paper Shredding Day” funded by the Clean Communities Grant Fund – also encourage them to re-instate an annual newsletter. Motion was made by M. Petrus and seconded by J. Bradstreet to issue this request to the Township Committee. All were in favor.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 1/31/13, re: Discussion at Recycling Mtg.
- B. E-mail message from E. Johanson, 2/8/13, re: Attached article
- C. Letter from G. Robbi/J. Conard/FOSPC, 1/30/13, re: Invitation to Green Fest
- D. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 1/22/13, re: Goodwill Industries Acceptable List
- E. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 1/14/13, re: TC Member & Liaison – T. Mathews
- F. NJ.Com article: Styrofoam Recycling at East Amwell Township
- G. Flyer for Styrofoam Recycling on 2/2/13
- H. Memo from A. Johnson, 12/21/12, re: Hunterdon County Transfer Station
- I. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 1/11/13, re: NE Diesel Collaborative Participation
- J. E-mail message from T. Mathews, 1/8/13, re: Recycling Depot Report Jan.
- K. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 1/11/13, re: Recycling Depot Security
- L. E-mail message from S. Katz, 1/12/13, re: RVD contract
- M. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 1/12/13, re: Business Improvement District
- N. E-mail message from R. Phelan, 1/11/13, re: Municipal Special Improvement District
- O. E-mail message from S. Pena, 1/18/13, re: Monitoring Report
- P. Various Minutes and Agendas
- E. Resource Recycling Magazine – January 2013

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2013 Goals -. Members reviewed the 2012 goals and decided on some changes. It was decided to eliminate the line concerning Good Will Industries twice a year and substitute “Provide Household Electronic Recycling.” It was also decided to eliminate the line on recycling

education materials and substitute “Continue to Work on TerraCycle.” The number six line wording was changed from Implement to Monitor. It was also decided to add a line: 10. Provide Recycling at 4-H Fair. M. Petrus made the motion to accept the 2013 Goals as changed. J. Bradstreet seconded the motion and all were in favor. Secretary will make the changes and forward the 2013 Goals to the Township Committee and all other committees.

B. FOSPC Invitation to Green Fest – W. Harrison stated that he thought it was a very good idea to participate in the Green Fest. He has a video on single stream recycling that could be shown on a laptop computer. M. Petrus suggested that a board be made up to display photos of local recycling. Also information should be provided on other recycling opportunities. W. Harrison will respond to J. Conard that the Recycling Committee will be participating in this event.

C. Paper Shredding – Bob Lasser of the Amwell Valley Business Association was present to discuss plans for sponsoring a “Paper Shredding” event. He provided the members with a brief background on the Association. The Association looked into paper shredding in the past to fund their scholarship fund, but found the cost prohibitive. He stated that their members are willing to work with the Recycling Committee with manpower and publicity. W. Harrison explained that a lot of our events are funded by grant funds. Members discussed whether it should be a free event or should there be a charge. M. Petrus stated that a donation could also be requested. B. Lasser stated that his organization would not want to supplement their scholarship fund with this event.

But they would request that a table be set up so that they could seek out new members and donations to the scholarship fund. He will present this opportunity to the AVBA members at the end of the month and he will also contact the shredding company and request a quote. He promised to report back to us at the next meeting. W. Harrison stated that at the present time, he was inclined to ask for a donation for this service. As previously mentioned in these minutes, secretary was requested to send a note the Township Committee to request their permission to hold this event. She was also instructed to formally encourage the Township Committee to seriously consider re-instating an annual Newsletter. The Recycling Committee would like to recommend that both items be funded by the grant funds. W. Harrison also encouraged B. Lasser and any of the other members of AVBA consider becoming members of the Recycling Committee.

VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present

IX. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – Some comments were made about future Styrofoam recycling – possibly next year after Christmas. There was some discussion on other recycling possibilities throughout the year. W. Harrison briefly mentioned his conversation with T. Matheny concerning installing cameras in the parking lot – not a good feasible solution – difficult to install – question as to what to do with the information once we obtain it – difficult to prosecute.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 9:30 PM.

(M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

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Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, J. Bradstreet, S. Katz, M. Petrus,
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary
Guests: Bob Lasser/Amwell Valley Business Association

ABSENT: E. Johanson, M. Dessel, T. Mathews

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

NEXT MEETING: March 12, 2013 - 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