

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 9, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:33 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the March 12, 2013 Business Meeting were approved with a sentence deletion on page three, section IX, requested by S. Katz. There were two abstentions.
(M. Petrus/S. Katz)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Bill from Hunterdon County Print Shop - \$432.32
(printing and folding of 2013 Spring Newsletter)

Motion was made by J. Bradstreet to approve this bill for payment. M. Petrus seconded the motion and all were in favor.

GUEST: Bob Lesser of the Amwell Valley Business Association

B. Lesser was present to review the final plans for the Paper Shredding Event on May 4. All insurances have been verified and contract with Assure Shred was signed. S. Katz stated that she will be meeting with D. Lentine, of Assure Shred, this week to go over plans about exactly where the truck should be placed. Besides Depot Day, the parking lot will be full of cars from the baseball events and a bus trip. It is anticipated that the Assure Shred truck will be placed up against the Municipal Building garage doors and approval to do so has been received from the Township. AVBA will be setting up a table for donations to their scholarship fund and will be taking applications for prospective new members. W. Harrison stated that it is not possible to make the shredding and scholarship contingent upon each other. B. Lesser agreed to inform his members about exactly what is recyclable per request from S. Katz. S. Katz suggested some kind of program where businesses who recycle could be honored or recognized, perhaps with a certificate, or mentioning them in a publication, such as the VIP. She also suggested that members of the AVBA could be listed on the East Amwell Township website. B. Lesser stated that all of their members are listed on their website.

GUEST: F. Gavigan

F. Gavigan was present at tonight's meeting to discuss Styrofoam recycling. She has volunteered her van and horse trailer for transporting the Styrofoam and a 16 x 24 chain link fencing area for storage, perhaps in the Grit Yard. However, S. Katz discovered that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection will not allow storage in the Grit Yard. Also, the Township does not want to carry the liabilities that might be involved with such a venture. Liability for transportation is another issue for the Township, although no permit is required to transport. W. Harrison suggested keeping this issue open for further investigation. Thus, this venture is being placed on hold for the time being. F. Gavigan volunteered her assistance in any way that might be needed.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – April 2013 – The April 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by M. Petrus. 49 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 40% full on Saturday and was 90% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 30% full on Saturday and was 50 % full on Monday. A small amount of package wraps was collected for TerraCycle. M. Petrus stated that it might be interesting to have a chart of past Depot Days' number of participants. W. Harrison stated that volume of recycling is more important. Dumpsters were in place but one could not be locked open and some roots and plastic waste were in the other. Call to RVD on Wednesday showed only one dumpster scheduled. Wind had blown some containers towards highway grass. RVD is still not providing suitable dumpsters. Members of the AVLBL were reminded to recycle cardboard after boxes from uniforms and field paint were found in the Township dumpster. They agreed to and if they had no space to store, would call W. Harrison or M. Petrus to put boxes into the shed. Dumpsters were fairly clean Monday. Large plastic bins were found among the containers and were removed. W. Harrison stated that he inquired about Saturday pick-up of the dumpsters and found out that RVD will not do Saturday pick-ups. Secretary was asked to send a note to T. Matheny advising him that the Recycling Committee wishes to be involved in the contract negotiations this June.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus informed members that he spoke to D. Sageser about the request received from S. Katz on obtaining information about Sustainable Jersey/Green Team and S. Katz was requested to give him a call. M. Petrus informed members that the Environmental Commission hopes to participate in Stream Clean-Up in 2014. He also suggested that a picnic be planned in Clawson Park for all volunteers, past and present.

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

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did meet in March 19, 2013 for their reorganizational meeting. W. Harrison will continue as chairman for the coming year. Only about one half of the municipalities were on board as of this date. This year, the most important initiative is the County-wide recycling education program, to which the Freeholders have agreed. SWAC will not meet on April 16, but they plan on attending the Freeholders' meeting that evening to finalize the details for reaching as many residents and businesses as possible regarding recycling regulations and opportunities. A major component of this effort involves significant improvements to the County web-site. M. Petrus suggested that a list of those present at the SWAC meetings might be helpful

The County Electronics collection is scheduled for April 13 and the next Hazardous Waste Day is July 13.

E. Other – Recycling at the Ball Fields – W. Harrison met with Alan George and the baseball group to review requirements for recycling during the baseball season. He stated that there are eight recycling containers, plus the one by the front door of the Municipal Building.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP - Suggested subjects: updates on the recycling of LED light bulbs (recent article in the NY Times), reminders about Paper Shredding event, new members needed for the Recycling Committee

B. Special Enterprise District - W. Harrison stated that he sent information on this Special Enterprise District to T. Mathews which was to be sent to the Township lawyers for review. W. Harrison briefly explained again how the system might work – Township would send out RFP's to haulers to bid on garbage/recycling for the total Township. Hopefully, this would bring a better price for all. Billing would have to be a separate item, not under taxes because of the cap.

C. Final Plans for Clean-Up Day - M. Dessel signed up and there are now four volunteers. W. Harrison will request expense money to be able to make change for those who will pay on that day.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from J. Scott/Performance Tire Co., 3/26/13, re: disposal of scrap tires
- B. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 4/3/13, re: AVLBL Meeting Tonight
- C. E-Mail message from G. Robbi, 3/25/13, re: Thank you to Recycling Committee
- D. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 3/13/13, re: Don Jon charge
- E. E-Mail message from D. Lentine, 4/4/13, re: Signed service agreement by both parties
- F. Various Minutes and Agendas
- G. Flyer for Waste Expo 2013
- H. Postcard for 2013 NJ Regional Planning Summit on 4/30/13

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present

IX. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – No comments received.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 PM. (M. Petrus/S. Katz)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, S. Katz, M. Petrus, M. Dessel, J. Bradstreet,
B. Lesser, F. Gavigan, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: E. Johanson, T. Mathews

NOTE: These minutes have not been formally approved by the Recycling Committee. They will be reviewed at their May 14, 2013 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: May 14, 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