

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 11, 2009 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 2009 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:32 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the July 14, 2009 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions.

There was one abstention.

(K. Martin/M. Petrus)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA - GUEST Visitor – Alan Johnson of Hunterdon County Utilities Authority

Mr. Johnson was present to answer questions concerning recycling at the 4-H Fair this year. He brought with him a sample recycling container of which the County has purchased 24. Members had questions about the labels on the cans (durability) and also discussed the process of emptying them. Hunterdon County has arranged for a 10 cu. yd roll-off for deposit of the recyclables on a daily basis and the roll-off will be picked up by Kasper Waste Disposal when they pick up the garbage. Hopefully, volunteers from both the Township (booth workers), the 4-H Fair group and County will be available to monitor the recycling containers and see to it that they are emptied when they are full. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that he hopes to have a step ladder to make it easier to dump the containers into the roll-off. M. Petrus is in charge of arranging the volunteers for manning the booth. Mr. Johnson will forward the names of any volunteers that he might know of to Mr. Petrus. Members also discussed future recycling of other items, such as cardboard. This year Mr. Johnson feels it might just be bottles and cans, plastic and glass. However, he will check with the 4-H Fair Committee. T. Martin expressed his opinion about recycling more items – thought that doing just bottles and cans this year was a very good first step. Mr. Johnson briefly mentioned the possibility of recycling at other County events. Members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Johnson for all of his efforts.

A. Depot Report – August 2009 – M. Dessel was absent this evening and did not submit a report prior to this meeting. However, members who were present at the Depot submitted what information they had. Volunteers: M. Dessel, S. Katz, W. Harrison, D. Wehmann, E. Johanson. Approximately 92 vehicles were served. The plastic/bottle container was approximately 80% full and the cardboard one was 50% full. The third dumpsters had some garbage in it along with a few recyclables. On Sunday, both dumpsters were completely full. W Harrison stated that he believes we still need the third dumpster in October, since September Depot will be canceled.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus informed members that 4-H Fair Subcommittee is currently working on developing environmentally friendly prizes for the children at the 4-H Fair and on the booth design. Sign-up schedule will be sent out via e-mail tomorrow to Stormwater Committee, Recycling Committee and Environmental Commission members. Conservation easement project is at the stage of sending out letters to residents who have conservation easements and informing them that the Environmental Commission will be doing site visits. The Township Committee has issued a resolution for the Rain Garden project at Clawson Park. Hopefully, the Master Gardeners will be doing the design plan. W. Harrison

inquired if M. Petrus and/or the Master Gardeners could be invited to one of the Clawson Park Committee meetings, because they will be discussing drainage problems at the park. The next Clawson Park Committee meeting will be held on August 27, 2009.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin stated that he was absent from the July Township Committee meeting and did not have anything to report.

D. Internet Recycling Prices – K. Martin did not submit an Internet Report this month.

E. SWAC Report – There was no meeting in July, nor is one expected in August. Secretary informed members that businesses in the Borough of Flemington have already received a letter from their Municipal Recycling Coordinator informing them that recycling is now required of them. She will prepare to do the same for East Amwell Township business owners and hopes to get the letters out in the near future.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – K. Martin informed members that the draft ordinance and supporting materials were sent to T. Stahl. It is currently undergoing legal review and introduction of the draft ordinance might possibly be on the September Township Committee agenda. W. Harrison stated that members of the sub-committee should be present at that meeting to show support. He also stated that he will check with the County on the actual deadline. Eventually, an enforcement person from the Township will need to be named and W. Harrison asked T. Martin to check on that item. Members also discussed fines and means of deterrent to possible offenders.

B. Recycling at the 4-H Fair – previously discussed with Mr. Johnson.

C. Recycling at the Ball Fields - W. Harrison informed members that two recycling containers are missing from the Municipal grounds. S. Katz informed member that she contacted the Chairman of the Recreation Committee about the sports team schedules. Soccer and baseball teams use the school field, the Fire House field and the two soccer fields at East Amwell Township School. Their schedules are listed on their various websites. He wondered if we have monies in our budget to purchase more containers. If not, he could arrange something through his Committee. Prior to tonight's meeting, J. Corboy sent an e-mail message to J. Luhrs/CFO inquiring about our budget to purchase more containers. She has not yet received a response. The Chairperson of the Recreation Committee also informed S. Katz that when they have the outside movie nights, they make sure the recycling containers are set up.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Hunterdon County Health Department Recycling Questionnaire filled out from the Ridge at Back Brook

B. New Regulations from the Post Office for Bulk Mailing

C. Letter from B. Hain/Goodwill Industries, 7/20/09, re: disposal of used and old computer equipment. (Members discussed possible use next spring during Spring Clean-Up Day.)

- D. Various Minutes and Agendas
- E. Resource Recycling Magazine – July 2009

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- F. Invitation to plansmartrnj 2009 Annual Dinner on 10/29/09
- G. Flyer from Dave Street’s Clean Communities Programs

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - S. Katz informed members that we now have an opportunity to have a monthly recycling column in the VIP. She organized a list of topics that might be apropos and members discussed. W. Harrison volunteered to write the first column in the September issue. M. Petrus will do October and S. Katz will do November. Members discussed using a “catchy” phrase and decided on “East Amwell Recycles”. She also suggested doing a letter to the Editor of the Huntedon County Democrat. She asked if anyone had poetic skills. An article might also be done on the economics of recycling – explaining the Tonnage Report and how we receive monies back from the State based on the amount we recycle. Future article might also be written on the Clean Communities Grant Fund. T. Martin explained that any monies East Amwell Township receives from the State because of recycling must be used for that purpose only.

IX. Open to the Public – none present.

X. Open to the Committee – W. Harrison informed members that he just found out that S. Doddy/Construction & Building Inspector does not distribute a list of recyclables and waste haulers with his permits for construction. Secretary volunteered to make up the list of both recyclables and waste haulers that she will pull from the Tonnage Report booklet. W. Harrison suggested that each person applying for a building permit should sign an acknowledgement of receipt for these two documents. T. Martin will inform T.Matheny/Office Administrator that this should become a standard practice for the Construction Office.

XI. Adjournment – 9:30 PM.
(T.Martin/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, K. Martin, S. Katz,
T. Martin, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: M. DiDonato, M. Dessel, M. Ammann

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their September 8, 2009 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 - 7:30 PM

cc: Rec. Com. Members Board of Health Twp. Committee & Clerk

Recreation Com.
Environ. Com.

Planning Board
Twp. Bulletin Board

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Farmland & Open Space Preservation