

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 9, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 2010 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 January 12, 2010 Reorganization meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were no abstentions. (M. Petrus/K. Martin)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – No additions were added to the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – February 2010 – The February 2010 Depot Day was cancelled due to the weather (snowstorm). There was some recycling put in the dumpsters obviously before the storm and perhaps after. Some garbage was also found in the dumpsters. W. Harrison notified T. Stahl to post a notice on the website that the February Depot Day was cancelled. A suggestion was made to mark the dumpsters with signs indicating what should be dumped in them – cardboard & plastic. M. Petrus volunteered to make these signs.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission held its reorganization meeting in January. S. Parsons was named as chairperson. He briefly informed members that they are working on putting together a Sustainable Jersey Green Team. It is hoped that several members of different committees and boards, as well as, members of the community will join the effort. He also informed members that the Environmental Commission is looking into having a booth at the annual Harvest Fest – hoping to reach the public with information on this topic. Full information is available on the Sustainable Jersey website and M. Petrus will forward the website address to all..

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin informed members that the Township Committee held its first budget meeting where they decided to allow us to proceed with a Spring Newsletter. J. Corboy distributed a memorandum to all inviting their participation by submitting an article. J. Corboy also informed members that J. Luhrs stated that we will be having Depot Day once a month in 2010 providing funds continue to exist for that purpose.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did not meet in January 2010. However, the subcommittee did meet with the Freeholder's representative on 1/26/10. A summary of that meeting was provided to all. They are planning on meeting with the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority (HCUA) on 2/2/10. The HCUA was disappointed in the lack of support from sufficient municipalities in the County to support the hiring of a County shared services coordinator for education and enforcement. Even though East Amwell Township had expressed an interest in the shared services concept, HCUA voted NOT to hire anyone at this time. Therefore, East Amwell must provide for enforcement on our own and this needs to be decided by 7/1/10. A letter is forthcoming from the County with the official notification to us. T. Martin asked that W. Harrison investigate what other communities are doing along these lines, especially enforcement, and report back to us next month. Secretary was asked to add the topic of Recycling

Enforcement to next month's agenda. W. Harrison suggested that we should go ahead and prepare to approve our revised Recycling Ordinance by July 2010. SWAC will meet on 2/16/10 for reorganization.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – W. Harrison stated that this sub-committee should review the most recent copy of the draft Recycling Ordinance with the legal changes suggested recently. K. Martin promised to send it out to all. Ways of changing the fees for Clean-Up Day were discussed. T. Martin stated that they had to be changed by an ordinance. W. Harrison suggested that the fees not be listed, so that they could be changed with little effort. Fees for this year will not be changed.

B. Recycling Education - S. Katz stated another letter went out to the different baseball and soccer leagues with a list of what is recyclable and they agree to recycle. M. Petrus suggested that one of our members attend a league meeting so that if there were any questions answers would be available immediately. Another letter went out to the Hunterdon County Democrat and no response has been received as of this date. Discussion followed on whether a plastic bag should be inserted in the recycling containers as suggested by S. Katz. With a hole at the top the container, the plastic bag will fill with water when it rains and make it more difficult to empty. W. Harrison suggested that they work together on solving this issue. T. Martin inquired as to what percentage of recyclables comes from the baseball and soccer fields. W. Harrison stated that it was not that much, but the important fact was that it keeps these items from landfills.

C. Letters to Businesses – Continued Discussion – S. Katz prepared a draft second letter to the businesses that have not responded to the first. Members reviewed and made suggestions for changes. S. Katz will incorporate these changes and prepare another draft for the next meeting. W. Harrison stated that we need the guidance of the Township Committee on exactly what they want us to say, especially in the area of enforcement.

D. 2010 Goals – Continued Discussion – Duplicate line # 8 (same as #3) and “Support the Efforts of TerraCycle” are to be removed and one grammatical error to be corrected. Motion was made by T. Martin to accept these goals with corrections. Second was received from M. Petrus and vote was unanimously in favor. After changes are made, secretary will distribute to all boards and committees.

E. Purchase of New Recycling Containers – W. Harrison stated that he has not had a chance to check the internet for new recycling containers. He will do so this month and report back to us at the next meeting.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from G. Watson/DEP, January 2010, re: Recycling Poetry Contest Calender

B. E-Mail message from Rambling Pines, 1/28/10, re: did not receive the business letter

C. Various Minutes and Agendas

F.. Resource Recycling Magazine – January 2010

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - No new business to discuss.

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – M. Petrus suggested that an article on recycling compact fluorescent bulbs be written for the Newsletter. He stated that Home Depot has containers for this purpose and thought that we should inform our residents of this fact. They do not accept regular fluorescent bulbs. These must be taken to the Hunterdon County Hazardous Waste Day.

M. Petrus also mentioned a recent newspaper article on recycling used sneakers. Full information on this topic will be available in the Newsletter.

XI. Adjournment – 8:40 PM. (T. Martin/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

ABSENT: M. DiDonato, M. Dessel

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their March 9, 2010 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 9, 2010 - 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