

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**MARCH 9, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The March 2010 Business 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 February 9, 2010 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention. (M. Petrus/S.Katz)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Recycling Assistance from Lebanon will be discussed under New Business – Recycling Enforcement, as suggested by W. Harrison.

**IV. REPORTS**

A. Depot Report – March 2010 – M. Petrus distributed the March Depot Day Report to all at the meeting. 104 vehicles were serviced. Cardboard dumpster was 80% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 60% full. One bucket of batteries was collected. Signs indicating paper and containers were set out Friday afternoon. They were favorably received by the residents, however, garbage was dumped in the second dumpster. Members discussed the making of sign indicating that dumping garbage in the recycling dumpsters is unlawful. M. Petrus volunteered to do so. S. Katz stated that she will mention this fact in her next article for the VIP. Members also discussed the collection of pizza boxes – greasy boxes are not acceptable. On Monday, driver from Raritan informed office staff that one of the dumpsters was contaminated with garbage. W. Harrison volunteered to call R.Spinelli of Raritan to inquire about this incident. Secretary informed members that the safety vests for Roadside Clean-Up Day are missing.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission discussed their 2010 Goals. He also mentioned information about recycling sneakers. At first it was thought that this program was only for the month on January 2010, but it will be continued. Full information will be in the 2010 Spring Newsletter.

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

D. SWAC Report – SWAC met on 2/16/10 for their reorganization meeting. W. Harrison was elected as Chairperson and Paul Cronic from Lambertville is Vice-Chairperson. Standing Sub-Committee assignments were also made. Legal issues have not yet been resolved. W. Harrison reminded members that outreach to the citizenry is still the primary responsibility of the municipalities. There is currently \$60,000 in the grant money allocated for education. Originally, there was \$113,000, but funds were spent on salaries and other recycling-related areas without consulting SWAC by the Hunterdon County Utilities Authority. They have the legal right to do so. The next County-wide Breakfast Meeting will be held on Friday morning, March 5. Sub-committee met with the freeholders again – nothing new to report.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – W. Harrison stated that this Committee should approve the most recent copy of the draft Recycling Ordinance with the legal changes suggested recently. K. Martin had sent a copy via e-mail to all prior to tonight's meeting.

Motion was made by M. Petrus and second was received from M. DiDonato. Vote was unanimously in favor. W. Harrison volunteered to attend the Township Committee when it will be discussed, if needed. Hunterdon County must receive our ordinance by June 24, 2010.

B. Recycling Education - S. Katz stated another reminder letter went to the soccer leagues, since she received no reply from the first one. The baseball league is on board as far as recycling is concerned. She also has scheduled two more articles for the VIP – one on junk mail, which she is preparing. The second one on composting will be written by W. Harrison. She also submitted an article for the 2010 Spring Newsletter.

C. Letters to Businesses – Continued Discussion – S. Katz prepared a revised draft second letter to the businesses that have not responded to the first. Members reviewed it and also reviewed one prepared by J. Corboy. Changes and additions were suggested. Secretary will make the changes suggested and prepare the final draft for sending in the next month or two. For the time being, this item will be removed from the agenda.

D. Purchase of New Recycling Containers – W. Harrison informed members that he checked the different websites for new recycling containers and found them most expensive. Members discussed other ways of obtaining appropriate containers. W. Harrison will ask A. Johnson about the containers that Hunterdon County purchased for the 4-H Fair. M. Petrus will call Raritan Valley Waste Disposal to find out about their recycling containers. M. DiDonato will check Home Depot and Lowe's to see if they sell anything that might serve our purposes. Hopefully, some funds for this purpose are still available from the Clean Communities Grant Fund. Members also discussed labels for these containers.

VI. Invoices - None received.

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Goodwill Industries Brochure for Free Computer Recycling (Given to W. Harrison for investigation.)

B. Letter from W. G. Mennen/HCUA, 3/3/10, re: municipal recycling ordinance

C. Letter from W. G. Mennen/HCUA, 2/9/10, re: shared services recycling coordinator model

D. Various Minutes and Agendas

E.. Resource Recycling Magazine – February 2010

F. Advertising Leaflet from Alert Graphics

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Recycling Enforcement – Assistance from Lebanon – W. Harrison stated that he contacted other SWAC members to see if any other municipality would be interested in exploring a partnership with East Amwell in the area of outreach to its citizenry. Kathy Brost from Lebanon Borough is an excellent recycler and hopefully might be able to assist us. She personally visits all the businesses and institutions in her area, helping, advising and

and encouraging all to recycle. W. Harrison has asked her to send us an outline in writing describing her operations. M. Petrus pointed out the fact that Lebanon is a borough/town and our businesses are far reaching throughout the Township. W. Harrison also brought to the members' attention a recent newspaper article which mentions some alleged questionable activities by Ms. Brost (election contributions). As of this date, she has not responded to W.Harrison's request. Members went on to further discuss personal outreach with businesses about recycling, stating that a couple of members might volunteer to reach out to a few each. Before any decision is made about a personal contact, members decided that they would wait to see what kind of responses we receive from the second letter

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – No comments received.

XI. Adjournment – 9:20 PM.

(M. DiDonato/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

**PRESENT:** W. Harrison, M. Petrus, S. Katz, M. DiDonato, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

**ABSENT:** M. Dessel, K. Martin, T. Martin

**NOTE:** These minutes have not been formally approved by the Recycling Committee. They will be reviewed at their April 13, 2010 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: April 13, 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