

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 2010 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the March 9, 2010 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were two abstentions. (M. DiDonato/M. Petrus)

Prospective youth member, Matthew Trecozzi, attended with his father. He was welcomed by all. Any questions he might have will be answered at the end of the meeting.

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – There were no new additions to tonight’s agenda.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – April 2010 – K. Martin distributed the April Depot Day Report to all prior to tonight’s meeting. 109 vehicles were serviced. Cardboard dumpster was 65% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 70% full. One bucket of batteries was collected. New wooden signs advising after hour’s deliveries of regulations and recycling requirements were placed close to the dumpster facing incoming traffic. Signs were made and placed by M. Petrus – the Recycling Committee is extremely grateful to him. M. Petrus made keys to the storage shed for all members. He made a motion that all members should have their own key to the storage shed. T. Martin seconded the motion and all were in favor. There was also a brief discussion of how to access the Depot Days volunteers list on the computer. W. Harrison briefly explained the workings of Depot Days to M. Trecozzi, the prospective youth member.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission discussed putting the Newsletter on the East Amwell Website, such as Watchung has done, saving thousands of dollars. M. Petrus will be participating in the East Amwell School Earth Day Celebration. He informed members that the 4-H Fair dates are late in the month of August 2010. Volunteers will be needed for that event.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin stated that the Township Committee is deep into budget discussions. State aid has been cut and the Township Committee is looking into ways to save money, such as electronic communications, i.e., sending agendas and minutes via the computer to members, hoping to save postage expenses.

D. SWAC Report – Report was not received prior to this meeting. However, W. Harrison briefly informed members that the major discussion was an expansion permit application received from Raritan Valley Waste Disposal for their transfer station located on River Road in Flemington. It must comply with the County’s Solid Waste Management Plan. Vote is expected next month. They are awaiting a traffic study. Full information should be available next month.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – W. Harrison stated that the one outstanding part of the draft ordinance not settled was the issue of a quorum for the Recycling Committee.

T. Stahl informed this secretary that the issue of a quorum for any committee or board has

always been a majority of current members constitutes a quorum. K, Martin will make that change in the draft ordinance and forward it to all, including the Township Committee. Motion was made by M. Petrus that we accept the current draft ordinance with the change made concerning quorum. K. Martin seconded the motion and it was approved by all. (Draft ordinance # 09 – Chapter 120) W. Harrison expressed his appreciation to the sub-committee for all of their efforts on this item.

B. Recycling Education – S. Katz was absent this evening. However, she did send a report prior to tonight's meeting and secretary read it to the members. "She is still working on getting a youth member and keeping up with articles for the VIP. Will's writing an article about composting for the May issue" M. Petrus informed members that he is planning on an article for a future issue of the VIP on plastics. He also stated that he is preparing a presentation for the East Amwell School's Earth Day Celebration. He is considering a presentation re-using objects around the house, asking the students for ideas. He will also be trying to obtain volunteers for the 4-H Fair booth.

C. Purchase of New Recycling Containers – W. Harrison informed members that he asked R. Spinelli of RVD for some 6 to 8 recycling containers, but has not heard back from him. He also requested 30 recycling labels and they were to be mailed to him. They have not yet been received. He plans on distributing the existing cans around the fields as he did last year. Hopefully, the league members will empty them and bring the material to the shed. M. Petrus volunteered an extra container that he has.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Phone message from Rutgers Landscaping, re: 2nd. Letter sent out
- B. Environmental Commission Goals and Priorities - 2010
- C. Various Minutes and Agendas
- D. Resource Recycling Magazine – March 2010
- E. Advertising Brochure from TEK Supply

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. Recycling Enforcement – no further discussion at this time. Secretary is in the process of issuing second letter to businesses and no action is needed until responses are received.

IX. Open to the Public – W. Harrison asked prospective youth member if he had any questions. He explained that a youth member is expected to be a liaison for East Amwell School. M. Trecozzi was told that if he is interested in joining the Recycling Committee, he should contact T. Stahl. Members proceeded to discuss recycling at the school athletic fields. Secretary reported that Waste Management is the current garbage/recycling hauler for the School. The key factor is whether recycling containers are being placed out on the school ball fields. W. Harrison

explained that he thought it should be the job of the athletic league leaders to designate people to monitor the recycling during the games. M. Petrus will go the school to check on the use of their containers for their ball fields.

X. Open to the Committee – T. Martin briefly described the recent e-mail message/pictures he sent to member concerning recycling in England. A great variety of recycling items are accepted - all operations are self-service. He informed members that the English residents are most efficient and compliant about their recycling.

XI. Adjournment – 8:30 PM.

(T. Martin/M. DiDonato)

Respectfully submitted by

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PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, M. DiDonato, K. Martin, T. Martin,
M. Trecozzi, Mr. Trecozzi, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: M. Dessel, S. Katz

NOTE: These minutes have not been formally approved by the Recycling Committee. They will be reviewed at their May 11, 2010 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: May 11, 2010 - 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