

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 11, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 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 April 13, 2010 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention. (M. Petrus/M. DiDonato)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – New Ventures with Terracycle will be discussed under Recycling Education, per request from S. Katz.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – May 2010 – M. DiDonato distributed the May Depot Day Report to all at tonight's meeting. 86 vehicles were serviced. Cardboard dumpster was 75% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 33% full. One 5 gallon bucket of batteries was collected. M. DiDonato stated that he went on Friday to put out the signs and returned on Monday to put them away. Members reviewed who is responsible in the upcoming months.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the conservation easements have been sorted and that the sub-committee will meet next week to distribute properties that need to be site visited. He also announced the amount anticipated to be received from the Clean Communities Grant Fund.

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

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison stated that SWAC did not meet. Thus, no report was given. Sub-committee did meet and the traffic report was received concerning the Raritan expansion project. Also, grant fund monies were discussed and the hiring of a lawyer to look into the spending of grant funds without the knowledge of SWAC. Another breakfast meeting is in the works and SWAC will meet next week.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – W. Harrison stated that the Township lawyer ironed out certain sections (wording) with A. Johnson of Hunterdon County Utilities Authority. W. Harrison stated that he will be available when the Township Committee introduces the ordinance.

B. Recycling Education – S. Katz stated that Sue Posselt contacted her with information regarding the school's Environmental Club's partnership with TerraCycle in collecting cookie wrappers, chip bags, candy wrappers, energy bar wrappers, pouch drink containers, Colgate products, glue bottles, ink cartridges, DVD discs, cell phones, and digital cameras. She suggested that we try to help them by collecting these items at Depot Days. M. Petrus suggested that the students might construct poster/sign and write an article for the VIP for publicity. W. Harrison suggested that we use one of the new containers (marked TerraCycle) to collect these items. M. Petrus made the motion that we support the TerraCycle program as reported to us. S.

Katz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor. S. Katz will inform the school of our support. S. Katz also informed members that she told the athletic team leaders about this venture and suggested to them that they might sell some of these items and then recycle the wrappers. M. Petrus also suggested that a poster be made with the finished products so the public could see how they are used. W. Harrison stated that we do not want to become involved in the mailing process – we just want to accumulate the items and turn them over to the school.

C. Purchase of New Recycling Containers – W. Harrison informed members that we have received eight full size containers from Raritan Valley Waste Disposal. Members discussed getting together to make the holes in the lids. M. DiDonato, M. Petrus and W. Harrison will meet on Saturday AM to do so. They also discussed ways of obtaining or making recycling labels. There was also some discussion on obtaining locks for the containers. Motion was made by M. Petrus to initiate activity to purchase 10 locking latches for the recycling containers. M. DiDonato seconded the motion and all were in favor. W. Harrison will check on prices at Tractor Supply and inform secretary so that a purchase request can be typed up. S. Katz informed members that the Township will be making up signs about park rules and these will include information about recycling. S. Katz suggested additional signs with specific information about recycling and, perhaps, a form letter be sent to all parents of league players by the league leaders informing them of the new recycling procedures. Approval would have to be received before we could post any of these signs. Another problem discussed was the garbage found in recycling containers. M. Petrus inquired if there will be adequate garbage containers as well as recycling containers.

D. Recycling Enforcement – J. Corboy informed members that all letters have been sent out to the businesses and responses are coming in at a good rate, much better than after the first letter. Members volunteered to visit businesses who have not yet responded. Secretary will make up a list of non-responders for the next meeting.

E. Clean-Up Day Report – W. Harrison sent his report prior to tonight's meeting. The day went smoothly. Two compactors for waste were utilized, plus one 30 yard roll-off dumpster nearly full of metal. One thirty yard dumpster was nearly filled with used tires, some left over from last year and some collected from Roadside Clean-Up Day. Goodwill Industries' truck was nearly filled with reusable material. Unfortunately, they would not accept a number of usable white appliances. W. Harrison promised to check into their policies before next year so that we don't disappoint the residents.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. xc check in the amount of \$12,395.18 received from Clean Communities Grant Fund
- B. Official notification of Clean Communities 2010 Funding Allocations
- C. 2010 East Amwell Township Directory Changes
- D. Note from J. Luhrs, 4/19/10, re: 2010 Budget
- E. Information for New Jersey's 2010 Recycling poetry Contest (one copy given to M. Petrus to distribute to the school)

- F. Various Minutes and Agendas
- G. Resource Recycling Magazine – April 2010
- H. Flyer from “Do You Believe in Magic”
- I. Post Card for the Resource Recycling Conference – 10/26-27/10
- J. Post Card from Rutgers – The New Jersey Recycling Certification Series

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - No new business was discussed.

IX. Open to the Public – None present.

X. Open to the Committee – No comments received.

XI. Adjournment – 9:16 PM.

(M. Petrus/M. DiDonato)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

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

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their June 8, 2010 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 8, 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