

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 8, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The June 2010 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:34 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the May 11, 2010 business meeting were approved with one corrections/additions on page two. W. Harrison will verify that the Township will be making up signs for the athletic fields. There were two abstentions. (M. DiDonato/J. Corboy)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Good Will Industries – added by W. Harrison – to be discussed under Old Business.

#### IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – June 2010 – M. DiDonato distributed the May Depot Day Report to all at tonight's meeting. 92 vehicles were serviced. Cardboard dumpster was 85% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 85% full. Percentage estimates were taken on Monday. Bucket for batteries was approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  full. Members discussed refinement to the list of non-acceptable items, such as plastic bags and styrofoam.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the members began preliminary discussion of their plans for the 4-H Fair booth. A short memorandum will be going out to all East Amwell Township boards and committees. Letters will be sent to surrounding communities asking for their assistance in manning the booth. Members also began discussing the purchase of prizes for the booth. Budget cuts will limit the amount that can be purchased.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin stated that he missed a couple of meetings, but did attend the last special meeting to introduce the 2010 budget. Each household in the Township will be paying \$5.00 more in taxes for the year 2010.

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison distributed the SWAC report prior to tonight's meeting via e-mail. The primary issue on the agenda was dealing with the permit renewal of the Raritan Valley/Republic Industries facility on River Road in Raritan Township. It was their understanding that the only unresolved issue was the changes in the traffic patterns serving the facility. After discussions with Jim Martin/Hunterdon County Engineer and Russ Rocciola/Roccula Engineering, SWAC passed a motion to approve the recommended traffic plan serving the facility contingent upon the additional routes being studied as well. W. Harrison stated that he was asked to attend the next Utilities Authority meeting on June 15 to affirm what SWAC has approved. W. Harrison also stated that several municipalities reported that their recycling rates have significantly gone up recently due to improvements in their municipal recycling and trash collection programs. The County recycling rate for 2008 is up about three percentage points over 2007. The County-wide Breakfast meeting was held on Friday, June 4 and subject of shared services was discussed briefly. The June SWAC meeting is scheduled for June 29 to allow one of the Freeholders to join them. Next Hazardous Waste Collection Day

will be on Saturday, July 10. W. Harrison reminded members that the County Print shop is available for any printing we might have. Inserts for the yearly tax bill mailing could also be printed by them.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – T. Martin stated that the new Recycling Ordinance was introduced at the May Township Committee meeting. Public hearing will be on June 10. W. Harrison suggested that members of the sub-committee might consider attending this meeting.

B. Recycling Education – S. Katz stated that she has informed East Amwell School/Sharon Ernst/Environmental Club that we have volunteered to collect items at Depot Days to help them with their program with TerraCycle. Students have prepared an article for the next issue of the VIP. Students will also be making up a sign to be posted at Depot Days informing the public of what they are collecting. S. Katz read a note composed by M. Petrus and herself to send to league leaders who in turn could send it to parents of all league players informing them of rules and regulations including recycling.

C. Purchase of New Recycling Containers – W. Harrison informed members that all recycling containers have been placed at the various athletic fields. He will check on them periodically. Lost recycling container was found at the Fire House field. M. DiDonato reported that recycling containers were checked at the last Depot Day and most of them were found to be almost empty. W. Harrison stated that he is still trying to obtain old recycling labels from A. Johnson.

D. Recycling Enforcement – J. Corboy distributed the list of businesses that have not responded to the second letter. Members reviewed them. M. DiDonato volunteered to hand-deliver the form letter to various ones and explain to them that they have to be filled out and returned to the Township. He also volunteered to pick them up and return them to us at the next meeting. W. Harrison also volunteered to contact some of the businesses on the list. J. Corboy also reported that she was contacted by West Amwell Township to discuss what we are doing to enforce compliance by businesses. Members discussed briefly. West Amwell Township sends a letter to all businesses in late January to remind them that the township should receive a copy of all recycling tonnage reports for the prior year received by that business.

E. Good Will Industries – W. Harrison reminded members that several months ago we discussed inviting Good Will Industries to have a truck at one of our Fall Depot Days, namely October. Members discussed and still thought it was a good idea. Motion was made by S. Katz to invite Good Will Industries to the October Depot Day. T. Martin seconded the motion and all were in favor. Ways of informing our residents of this new venture were discussed. Posting this information on the East Amwell Township website was one way. Another was to insert information in the July tax bill mailing, as well as supplying an article for the VIP. Flyers to hand out at the depots was also suggested. W. Harrison will contact Good Will Industries to see if they are interested and exactly what their criteria is for acceptable materials.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Memorandum from the Environmental Commission, 6/6/10, re: 4-H Fair – August 2010
- B. Memorandum from A. Johnson/HCUA, 5/14/10, re: Upcoming Meeting to Discuss Private Sector Solid Waste Transporters Involvement with Municipal Recycling Programs
- C. Various Minutes and Agendas
- D. Resource Recycling Magazine – May 2010

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 – 8:35PM. (T.Martin/M. Dessel)

Respectfully submitted by

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Recycling Coordinator

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

**ABSENT:** K. Martin

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their July 13, 2010 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: JULY 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