

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 2010 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:38 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the June 8, 2010 business meeting were approved with two corrections to those present on that date. There were no abstentions. (M. DiDonato/M. Petrus)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

#### IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – July 2010 – W. Harrison distributed the July Depot Day Report to all prior to tonight's meeting via e-mail. 71 vehicles were serviced, plus additional drop-offs after our regular operating hours. Cardboard dumpster was 50% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 60% full. Approximately 1 ½ buckets of batteries were collected. Members briefly discussed the collection of recyclables from the athletic fields. The baseball volunteers did a good job collecting the bottles and cans, which made the job for the Depot volunteers much easier. There were eleven recycling containers either full or nearly full plus about twenty-five bags with bottles and cans in them. The Depot volunteers did a wonderful job of sorting through all the containers, removing trash and dumping out liquid left in the bottles and cans. The corrugated containers were not collected as carefully and some time had to be taken to assemble and collapse the boxes on Friday night. W. Harrison stated that he met with the soccer leaders in Lambertville to inform them of the recycling procedures. Flyers which described the TerraCycle plastic bag collection program for the East Amwell School were distributed at the Depot. Two posters describing the program were also on display. One container was assigned for these collections and it is stored in the shed. List of volunteers has been updated. Expenses: refreshments - \$6.12

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission discussed obtaining new student members for the coming year. They also discussed asking senior citizens to volunteer at the 4-H Fair booth. Recycling of used and old pharmaceutical items/prescription drugs was also discussed. A major portion of the meeting was devoted to the subject of salt vs. cinders for snow/ice removal during the winter months. A couple of the Environmental Commission members were planning on attending the Township Committee meeting where it will be discussed. Members decided that monies received from the Plant Exchange Day will be deposited into the Environmental Commission budget for the purpose of purchasing prizes for the 4-H Fair Booth. W. Harrison stated that he will be available for booth duty. M. Petrus stated that he will be in charge of recycling at the 4-H Fair and D. Kellogg will be in charge of the booth. W. Harrison reminded M. Petrus to be sure to get in touch with A. Johnson/HCUA. M. Petrus stated that he will be preparing a flyer for the vendors at the Fair advising them on the recycling procedures.

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

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison distributed the SWAC report prior to tonight’s meeting via e-mail.

SWAC met on June 29, 2010 with a quorum present. Two Freeholders were also present. There was a follow-up discussion on the RVD/Republic Transfer Station and Recovery Facility re-permitting issue that was approved last month. Raritan Township continues to object to the operation of this facility. Ultimately, DEP makes the final decision on this type of facility. The new State-mandated recycling ordinance that has been ratified by the County Utilities Authority has been passed by only about six of the 26 municipalities in Hunterdon County as of this meeting date. The Strategic Planning Committee of SWAC representatives and Freeholders intended to meet on July 8, but that meeting did not occur. The main topic that to be discussed was county-wide recycling education. In August, SWAC is planning a field trip to the Raritan Valley Recycling Facility in Raritan Township. There was a Hazardous Waste Collection Day on July 10.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – Ordinance has been adopted in East Amwell Township on June 10, 2010. Secretary supplied copies to those present. W. Harrison suggested that this item could now be dropped from the agenda. Members agreed.

B. Recycling Education – S. Katz stated that she has information on possible student interest in the Recycling Committee, but she has not received any contacts as of this date. Recruitment of student members might be possible at the 4-H Fair. Students wrote an article about the TerraCycle program for an upcoming VIP issue.

C. Recycling at the Athletic Fields – previously discussed under Depot Days. W. Harrison stated that he did not contact the Township Committee about signs for the athletic fields. S. Katz promised to contact Larry Tatsch to see what the content of the signs will be.

D. Recycling Enforcement – M. DiDonato hand-delivered additional letters to several businesses that did not respond to the original letter. Initially responses were very poor. After several return trips, he did manage to receive some responses. Copies were given to the secretary to enter onto the main list. Members reviewed the information. Two or three of the businesses do not recycle. W. Harrison stated that eventually the Township Committee will have to hire an enforcement person to be sure all businesses are complying with the new recycling ordinance. M. DiDonato stated that he did not actually see recycling containers at any of these establishments. Approximately 60% to 70% of the businesses are not complying with the recycling ordinance. Truthfulness of the responses was also discussed. Members discussed how enforcement might be handled. W. Harrison suggested that it might be possible to hire an enforcement person from another municipality. W. Harrison and members expressed their deep appreciation to M. DiDonato for his efforts.

E. Good Will Industries – W. Harrison stated that he contacted Good Will Industries and they agreed to have a truck present at the October Depot Day. They also sent a list of non-acceptable materials to the secretary. Secretary prepared a flyer with this information for volunteers to distribute at future Depot Days. Information was also supplied for the inserts to be mailed with

the tax bills shortly. W. Harrison suggested that S. Posselt of the VIP be notified with an announcement of this service. Secretary will do so in time for the September issue.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Flyer from New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection – 2010 Recycling Awards Program

B. Appropriation Account Summary – 1/1/10 to 6/10/10

C. Various Minutes and Agendas

D. Resource Recycling Magazine – June 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 – 8:50PM.  
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Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

**PRESENT:** W. Harrison, M. Petrus, M. DiDonato, S. Katz, 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 August 10, 2010 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: August 10, 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