

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 10, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 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 July 13, 2010 business meeting were approved with no corrections/deletions/additions. There were three abstentions. (S. Katz/M. Petrus)

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – August 2010 – S. Katz distributed the August Depot Day Report to all prior to tonight's meeting via e-mail. 84 vehicles were serviced, plus additional drop-offs before our regular operating hours. Cardboard dumpster was 40% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 30% full. Approximately one-half bucket of batteries were collected. S. Katz reported that she questioned commercial vehicles if they filled out the form sent to businesses. She received three responses which she forwarded to the secretary. S. Katz questioned members on the possibility of passing out some sort of card to businesses that used the Depot, or perhaps, keep a list where they could sign in (suggested by T. Martin). Members discussed briefly.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission discussed the recycling of used, old pharmaceuticals. He went to Shop-Rite to leave information on this topic. Later this summer, some of the Environmental Commission members will be taking water samples from streams near roadways to determine a baseline for salt. M. Petrus stated that he sent an e-mail message to A. Johnson concerning the upcoming 4-H Fair and as of this date, has not received a response. He also reported that he will be setting up early on Wednesday, August 25 at the 4-H Fair. W. Harrison and S. Katz have volunteered for booth duty during the Fair.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin stated that he has not attended the recent Township Committee meeting. Thus, no report was received. W. Harrison reminded him that the Township Committee should be preparing a plan for enforcement of the new recycling ordinance. He suggested that we might be able to use the assistance of an enforcement official from a neighboring municipality. He also suggested a meeting between the two committees to discuss this topic.

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison did not distribute a SWAC report this month. The recent SWAC meeting was a field trip to Raritan Valley Waste Disposal. He explained that Raritan does not separate recyclables. They bulk pack all recyclables on pallets and send it out to a firm in Pennsylvania, where it is separated. Raritan Valley's recent request for expansion is for the purpose of processing garbage only. There was no meeting with the Freeholders this month.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Education – S. Katz stated that the next article for the VIP will be another article on TerraCycle. Patsy Wang-Iverson, who volunteered at the last Depot, suggested to S. Katz that she might consider informing the public that bottle caps should be removed before recycling.

Most information on recycling that we distribute does specify this fact.

B. Recycling at the Athletic Fields – No report on recycling at the Athletic Fields. However, W. Harrison informed members that on a recent check of Clawson Park, he found 25 nearly empty bottles of vodka. S. Katz checked on the signs for the athletic fields and received a copy of what they will say – not too much information concerning recycling. She found out that additional signs would have to be requested through T. Matheny, who was not in favor of too many signs. Team leaders suggested that recycling signs be posted on the Snack Shake and on several sites around the fields. T. Martin agreed. He suggested that W. Harrison contact T. Matheny to start the process.

C. Recycling Enforcement – discussed briefly – see prior notes.

D. Good Will Industries – No new information received. W. Harrison stated that he will confirm the date with Good Will Industries in late September. S. Katz volunteered to notify S. Posselt of the VIP.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Various Minutes and Agendas

B. Flyer for Rutgers NJ Compost Operator Certification Course – 9/17/10

C. Resource Recycling Magazine – July 2010

D. Flyer from Dave Street’s Clean Communities Programs

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - No new business was discussed.

IX. Open to the Public – None present.

X. Open to the Committee – W. Harrison commented that he wished we could have a full complement of members on the Recycling Committee. Members discussed briefly.

XI. Adjournment – 8:20PM. (T. Martin/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

ABSENT: M. DiDonato

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their September 14, 2010 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 14, 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