

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 2010 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:31 P. M. by K. Martin, Vice-Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the August 10, 2010 business meeting were approved with no corrections/deletions/additions. There was one abstention. (M. Petrus/T. Martin)

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – September 2010 – K. Martin distributed the September` Depot Day Report to all prior to tonight`s meeting via e-mail. 83 vehicles were serviced. Both dumpsters were placed correctly. Cardboard dumpster was 90% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 30% full. A significant amount of cardboard was collected at the 4-H Fair which the Township Road Crew loaded into the dumpster on Friday. Due to the placement and volume of cardboard from the 4-H Fair, the dumpster could not be opened for the depot. That made cardboard collection challenging and as a result, cardboard/paper was packed loosely. Approximately two full buckets of batteries were collected. A check late Sunday revealed the cardboard/paper dumpster near 100% capacity and the glass/plastic dumpster at a little under 50% capacity.

M. Petrus reported on recycling at the 4-H Fair. Reports were sent electronically shortly before the meeting. He informed members that he will be meeting with the 4-H Fair organizers on Thursday night to plan for next year`s Fair. He also reported that the responses from the vendors was overwhelming. More volunteers are needed. There were not as many recycling containers as last year – some (10) were missing.

(M. Petrus suggested that we investigate the purchase of locks for the Township recycling containers.) Flyers were distributed to vendors with suggested guidelines for recycling.

Summary: 40% of a 10 cu. yd. dumpster was filled;
five pick-up truckloads (compacted) of cardboard were collected;
cooking oil - 15 to 20 5 gallon containers were collected;
bakery trays – 10 to 15 heavy plastic 2x3 will be reused by the Master Gardeners
as plant carriers.

T. Martin commended M. Petrus for his efforts.

Some recommendations for 2011:

- Have a covered dumpster dedicated to cardboard;
- Safeguard the remaining recycling containers and attempt to get more;
- Provide additional trash containers in food service areas during peak times so that trash is not put into recycling containers;
- Recycle clean plastic bags from ice cubes and from the metal reusable mugs sold by one vendor.
- Prep signs so that recycling dumpsters are not used for garbage disposal.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported on the 4-H Fair booth. Delaware Township Environmental Commission joined East Amwell at the booth with volunteers. Seedlings (supplied by Delaware Township) were given away as prizes and were a great hit with the children. They ran out of prizes by Saturday evening. M. Petrus suggested that we might contact Mavrode Tree Farm on Route 202 for donations of seedlings for next year. The Environmental Commission had a relatively short meeting and most of the discussion was on the plans for the 4-H Fair.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin stated that he has nothing to report from the Township Committee. He stated that he hopes to be able to put “Recycling Enforcement” on an upcoming Township Committee agenda and that W. Harrison will be invited to attend.

D. SWAC Report – There was no meeting in August.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Education – S. Katz stated that she had nothing new to report for this item.

B. Recycling at the Athletic Fields – No report on recycling at the Athletic Fields.

C. Recycling Enforcement – No further discussion.

D. Good Will Industries – No new information received. K. Martin stated that numerous flyers have been distributed informing residents of this event.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. E-Mail message from Waste Management, 9/13/10, re: NJ Electronics Waste Management Act – Invitation to Join our Collection Network. (copy given to T. Martin & T. Stahl)

B. Flyer for the “New Historical Society Invited Community to a Party” on 9/18/10

C. Various Minutes and Agendas

D. Resource Recycling Magazine – August 2010

E. Flyer from Alert Graphics

F. Flyer from Monarch Decals

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 – 8:00PM.

(T. Martin/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

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

ABSENT: W. Harrison

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their November 9, 2010 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: October 12, 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