

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The December 2010 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the November 9, 2010 business meeting were approved with no corrections/deletions/additions. There were two abstentions. (M. DiDonato/J. Bradstreet)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Review of the Depot Day handout was requested by M. Petrus. It will be discussed under Depot Day Report.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – December 2010 – M. Petrus distributed the December Depot Day Report to all at tonight’s meeting. 113 vehicles were serviced. Cardboard dumpster was 70% full and the plastic/bottle dumpster was 50% full (70% full on 12/6/10). ¾ of a bucket of batteries was collected. Community Service worker did not show up, but called the evening prior. Township office will be informed of his status. Notices were given to residents advising them of the date for the January 2011 Depot Day – January 8. All four wooden signs were taken home for cleaning and repair by M. Petrus. Members reviewed the list of acceptable and non-acceptable items for the Depot. M. Petrus volunteered to revise it. M. Petrus distributed free jackets and shirts given to him by P. Carluccio.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission will not meet in December. Three Environmental Commission members attended the Township Committee meeting when road salt was discussed. Briefly, the Township has purchased 400 tons of salt. Road crew will use it at their discretion. Cinders/grit is becoming harder to find and more expensive. Clean-up afterwards is also more extensive, requiring more man hours. T. Martin also mentioned the fact that they have found elevated sodium levels in the wells near the grit yard, where the salt is stored.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Martin had nothing more to report other than the prior discussion on road salt.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC met on November 30, 2010 with a quorum present. The Freeholders, who were invited to attend, were absent. There was some discussion on the ongoing re-permitting and expansion of Republic Industries (RVD) – access roads. A couple of Hunterdon County municipalities still have not ratified the revised State-mandated recycling ordinance. The SWAC Strategic Planning Committee was hoping to meet with the Freeholders in December where they planned on discussing how to use the Recycling Enhancement Act (REA) grant money, totaling about \$82,000. They hope to use this money for a County-wide education program on recycling. This meeting did not happen. Future dates are being discussed.

W. Harrison once again reminded all that we need to have a recycling enforcement plan in place soon. The official position of SWAC is that they want to emphasize educating the public. W. Harrison gave a description of the Recycle Bank Program and a brief discussion followed.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling at the Athletic Fields – Nothing new to report. This item will be removed from the agenda until Spring 2011.

B. Recycling Enforcement – Previously discussed under SWAC. S. Katz suggested that we might set aside monies from our current budgets for enforcement. W. Harrison stated that our budgets are cut as low as possible now because of the budget crunch. S. Katz suggested that we make a list of those businesses that do not recycle and of what would be required for enforcement. She suggested that we come up with a plan of what needs to be done and how much it should cost. T. Martin stated that this was an excellent idea – taking the initiative – having a plan to present to the Township Committee. M. DiDonato briefly explained to members what it took for him to distribute the letters to a few select businesses this past Fall. Using this information, S. Katz suggested that a checklist be organized for the prospective Recycling Enforcer. Members also discussed using the services of an enforcer from another municipality. W. Harrison stated that we should find out how rural municipalities, similar to East Amwell, are responding to this issue. Secretary will have the updated list of businesses ready for the January 2011 meeting.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. E-Mail message from T. Stahl, 11/10/10, re: inquiry from C. Fasano – J. Corboy responded.

B. E-Mail message from L. Friedenthal, 12/13/10, re: Recycle Bank – W. Harrison responded.

C. Various Minutes and Agendas

E. Resource Recycling Magazine – November 2010

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - None presented

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IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present.

X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – W. Harrison expressed his and the Committee's deepest appreciation to Tim and Katharine Martin for their dedication and hard work on this Committee and especially their work on our new recycling ordinance - a major accomplishment.

Tim and Katharine Martin will not be returning next year.

XI. Adjournment – 8:40PM.

(M. DiDonato- T.Martin)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

ABSENT: M. Dessel

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their January 11, 2011 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2011 - 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

