

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 11, 2011 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The January 2011 Reorganization 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 December 14, 2010 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions/changes. There were no abstentions. (S. Katz/M. Petrus)

III. ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS

J. Corboy/Coordinator chaired this portion of the meeting. Motion to open nominations was made by M. Petrus and seconded by W. Harrison. J. Corboy called for nominations from the floor for the 2011 Chairperson. S. Katz nominated W. Harrison as Chairperson. M. Petrus seconded the motion. Coordinator called for any other nominations and there were none. Nominations were closed by M. Petrus and a second was received from W. Harrison. W. Harrison was voted into office unanimously.

Motion was made by M. Petrus to open the nominations for Vice-Chairperson. This motion was seconded by W. Harrison. Coordinator called for nominations for Vice-Chairperson. M. Petrus nominated S. Katz for this position. W. Harrison seconded the motion. No other nominations were received and nominations were closed by M. Petrus and seconded by W. Harrison. S.Katz was elected as Vice-Chairperson unanimously.

Prior to the reading of the Resolution, secretary distributed list of 2011 meeting dates, noting that the November meeting will be held on Election Day. She suggested that we move the November meeting date to November 9 Wednesday. Members discussed briefly. W. Harrison made the motion to hold the November meeting on the normal date of November 8. M. Petrus seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION: Secretary read the 2011 Resolution and asked for a motion that we continue to hold the Recycling Committee meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM. Motion was made by M. Petrus and seconded by W. Harrison and it was approved by all. Secretary will forward the Resolution to the Hunterdon County Democrat for publication in Legal Public Notices.

IV. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – There were no additions to the agenda.

V. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – January 2011 – The January 2011 Depot Day was distributed to members by W. Harrison prior to tonight’s meeting via e-mail. 80 vehicles were serviced, plus there were many more customers before and after our regular operating hours. Paper/cardboard dumpster was 40% full and the glass/plastic one was 30% full. By Sunday afternoon, the cardboard one was completely full and the plastic dumpster was 50% full. 7/8ths of a bucket of batteries were

collected. W. Harrison reported that he checked the site on Sunday night and found several pieces of Styrofoam in the cardboard dumpster. Broken glass was found next to the plastic dumpster. The dumpsters came in with construction/demolition residue frozen to the floor. W. Harrison sent an e-mail to Raritan requesting that they send us cleaner dumpsters. He also suggested that the signs be clearly printed that we do NOT accept Styrofoam. Volunteer list was updated and a new one was made for 2011 by W. Harrison. A copy was put in the satchel and e-mailed to all members. Additional items came in for East Amwell School TerraCycle program and there is now a full bag. S. Katz volunteered to take it to the school. W. Harrison also noted that the shed key fob from the satchel seems to be missing. Refreshment expenses - \$4.17.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission did not meet in December 2010.

C. Township Committee Report – No representative was present, thus, no report was received.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did not meet in December 2010.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Enforcement – S. Katz investigated sources for funding of a recycling enforcement position. Usage requirements for the Tonnage grant monies do not allow for this activity. However, suggested usage requirements for the Clean Communities Grant fund monies do and there are sufficient funds still remaining in that account. Members reviewed the current list of businesses in East Amwell Township – noting those who do not recycle or have not responded to the two letters sent out previously. Members discussed possible salary ranges for this prospective recycling enforcement position – suggesting that \$500 would probably be sufficient. The procedures for issuing summons/fines for not complying with the recycling ordinance were also discussed. M. Petrus will try to investigate court procedures. S. Katz also inquired about residential enforcement. W. Harrison stated that SWAC hopes that residential enforcement will not be necessary. SWAC wants to emphasize education. W. Harrison stated that we might also be able to use a person from a surrounding community. Other suggestions made by S. Katz were sending out another letter to the businesses, forming a sub-committee on this issue and using the TerraCycle program to gather additional funds. Members continued to discuss this issue and decided, upon W. Harrison's suggestion, to present a plan to the Township Committee liaison at the next meeting. Once the liaison is known, W. Harrison will contact him/her before the next Recycling Committee meeting to inform him/her of this issue.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 12/22/10, re: 2010 Recycling Tonnage Grant Program Payments

B. List of East Amwell Township Reorganization Meetings

C. Letter from G. J. Watson/DEP, 12/10, re: Recycling Poetry Contest Calendar

D. Various Minutes and Agendas

E. Resource Recycling Magazine – December 2010

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. 2011 Goals – Preliminary Discussion - Members reviewed the 2010 Goals. Minor wording changes were suggested by W. Harrison under “Promote Recycling at East Amwell School.” “Introduce Recycling Ordinance” should be changed to “Implement Recycling Enforcement”. Secretary will make the changes and have the 2011 Goals ready for the members to vote on at the next meeting.

B. Clean-Up Day - 2011 - Preliminary Discussion - Members discussed and W. Harrison suggested that we hold 2011 Annual Clean-Up Day on April 30, 2011, since Easter is on April 25. M. Petrus made the motion to hold the 2011 Clean-Up Day on April 30, 2011. S. Katz seconded the motion and all were in favor. W. Harrison will contact Good Will Industries to provide a truck for usable items. Secretary will notify the Township Committee and Raritan Waste Disposal, as well as B. Hummel and the Recreation Committee.

W. Harrison made the suggestion of a fee increase for SUV’s in 2011. He suggested that we increase the amount to \$25 from \$20, since so many of the SUV’s are quite large. Members discussed and agreed. M. Petrus made the motion to increase the SUV charge to \$25 from \$20. S. Katz seconded the motion and all were in favor. Secretary was asked to notify the Township Committee and T. Stahl.

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – No comments received.

XI. Adjournment – 8:45 PM. (M. Petrus/S. Katz)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, S. Katz, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: M. Dessel, M. DiDonato, J. Bradstreet

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their February 8, 2011 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2011 - 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