

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 8, 2011 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 2011 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:34 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the January 11, 2011 Reorganization meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were no abstentions. (M. Petrus/S. Katz)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – No additions were added to the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – February 2011 – The February 2010 Depot Day Report was distributed to members at the meeting. 61 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 70% full and the plastic dumpster was 50% full. On Sunday, it was noted that the cardboard dumpster was almost filled to capacity. ½ of bucket of batteries was collected and two 13 gallon plastic bags of TerraCycle labels were collected. Dumpsters had remnants of garbage frozen into them.

Community service volunteer attended and he will contact M. Petrus with contact name and phone number to complete official paperwork. A new TerraCycle sign is needed indicating to the public what is collected. M. Petrus suggested that S.Katz take the old sign to the school when she takes the bags of labels to them. W. Harrison suggested that that sign be covered in plastic so that it will last longer in inclement weather. He also suggested that they redefine exactly what they want us to collect. W. Harrison reminded members of the procedures for the collection of the battery bucket by the County.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission held its reorganization meeting in January. S. Parsons was named as chairperson. Other than those facts, he had nothing new to report.

C. Township Committee Report – No representative was present, thus, no report received. W. Harrison stated that the Township Committee does have a candidate interested in joining both the Environmental Commission and the Recycling Committee and they will be meeting with the candidate on Thursday evening. He cannot attend but requested S. Katz to attend in his place.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did not meet in January 2011. Their reorganization meeting will be held on 2/15/11. The meeting with the Freeholders and the SWAC sub-committee might possibly be held in two weeks

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Enforcement - W. Harrison stated that we should wait until we have a representative from the Township Committee before we continue with this item. M. Petrus stated that he will inquire if Raritan Valley Disposal has a commercial division and if the businesses will also be receiving the same recycling containers as previously announced that residents will be receiving. S. Katz inquired if we could approach the Township Committee without the liaison. W. Harrison stated that we should wait and that he will contact the Mayor

about our naming the new liaison. S. Katz stated that she developed a rough draft of procedures for the new recycling enforcer. W. Harrison stated that the procedures should follow the new recycling ordinance. Members briefly discussed the procedures of issuing of a summons/citation by the recycling enforcer and who collects the fines. W. Harrison stated that he still hopes that once the educational materials are received from the County and we can distribute them to the businesses, we will be having more of them complying.

B. Increase in Fees for Clean-Up Day – W. Harrison stated that he has had a conversation with the Mayor concerning the request for an increase in fees and why we suggested it. He was informed by the Mayor that the Township Committee will proceed with our request.

C. 2011 Goals – Approval – Members reviewed the changes made at the last meeting. M. Petrus made the motion to approve the goals as received and J. Corboy seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. xc check in the amount of \$2009.53 – Tonnage Grant Fund

B. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 1/19/11, re: Recycle Bank Comes to East Amwell

C. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 1/17/11, re: Request to Increase Fee at Clean-Up Day

D. E-mail message from S. Katz, 2/1/11, re: TerraCycle Recycling Contest

E. E-mail message from ANJEC, 1/6/11, re: New Electronic Recycling Law

F. Flyer for Household Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day on 3/12/11 – Hunterdon County

G. Various Minutes and Agendas

H.. Resource Recycling Magazine – January 2011

I. Flyer from Rutgers – Course Information

J. Earth Day – Positive Promotions (M. Petrus took this catalog)

K. Catalog from TEK Supply

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. RVD/Republic Increased Recycling Opportunities at Curbside

B. Recycle Bank Coming to East Amwell Township

W. Harrison reviewed his recent correspondence with both T. Stahl and the Mayor concerning this topic. He stated that as in the past we have to be careful how we mention the practices of a private enterprise to avoid any appearance that the Township endorses one company over another. W. Harrison stated that he just received an e-mail message from T. Stahl (2/8/11) concerning this new recycling opportunity. He stated that he will compose an informational article about the new RVD recycling practices after he receives support from the Mayor. S. Katz stated that all information about the new Recycle Bank, including registration, can be found on-line.

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – J. Corboy announced that it is possible that there might not be a Newsletter this year because of the budget situation. Members briefly discussed the mandate of notifying the public twice a year of recycling opportunities. Information sent with the tax mailing takes care of one of these obligations. Members discussed the use of the website for continuing information on recycling.

XI. Adjournment – 8:45 PM.

(S. Katz/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

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

NOTE: These minutes have not been formally approved by the Recycling Committee. They will be reviewed at their March 8, 2011 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 8, 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