

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 10, 2011 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

New member, Ms. Janelle Wilkinson was introduced prior to the start of the meeting, and was welcomed by all.

**II. MINUTES** - Minutes of the March 8, 2011 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention. (M. Petrus/M. DiDonato)

**III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – No additional topics were added to the agenda.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

**A. Depot Report** – May 2011 – The May 2011 Depot Day Report was distributed to members at the meeting. 70 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 90% full and the plastic dumpster was 65% full. Some containers were collected from the athletic fields – some contained garbage which had to be picked out. W. Harrison promised to remind the athletic leaders that there should be no garbage deposited into the recycling containers. Expenses reported – \$10.21 for refreshments.

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus stated that some of the Environmental Commission members performed a site visit to the prospective solar farm – Board of Adjustment application. Final report was written up by T. Robbi.

**C. Township Committee Report** – Tim Mathews was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

**D. SWAC Report** – SWAC met on April 19, 2011. W. Harrison briefly explained the composition and workings of SWAC for our new member. Flemington Concrete Products Class B application for a recycling center was introduced. The SWAC Recycling Committee will review the application in May and present their recommendations at their next meeting on May 29. The State Recycling Grant application is finally in the mail and they expect to receive the \$82,000 grant soon. They still have not been able to arrange a meeting with the Freeholders. The Breakfast Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 15 was pretty well attended and various speakers shared information about their recycling programs. Guy Watson from the State DEP failed to show. A field trip to visit Colgate Waste Disposal (single stream recycling) is being planned for the next meeting. W. Harrison briefly explained how single stream recycling is carried out.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recycling Enforcement** – S. Katz stated that she felt we should move ahead with the plan we have on hand and vote on it. It then should be sent to the Township Committee for their review and approval. W. Harrison stated that the plan needs to be better organized before we can vote on it. S. Katz proceeded to go over the steps she has one at a time – looking for comments from the members. She also read off her job description for the enforcer position. Brief discussion occurred on how the enforcer would be paid – hourly, per visit, or paid when task is

accomplished. Members discussed and decided that the Township Committee should be told that we have \$500 to spend on the first phase of this operation and let them decide how to pay the enforcer. W. Harrison stated that East Amwell Township is not known as a code enforcing community. He also reminded members that any plan we approve of would have to be reviewed by the Township's legal advisor. Fines are already designated in the new ordinance. The enforcer will have to go to all the businesses that have not responded to the original two letters sent out by the Recycling Coordinator. M. Dessel inquired if we could have representatives from other municipalities come to our meeting and tell us how they are handling this situation. He also stated that an enforcer would have to have some training on enforcement. J. Corboy stated that if a business has sent her a copy of their yearly recycling report, required by the State and received from their waste hauler, that business would not have to be visited. They are considered in compliance. W. Harrison asked that S. Katz and M. Petrus meet to organize a workable plan, including a list of duties and how to accomplish them, that can be presented to the Township Committee. It should include contacting those businesses who have not responded to the original two letters, how and what to pay the enforcer, etc. Members discussed sending out a third letter to the businesses who have not responded, telling them that if they do not comply, an enforcer will be visiting their site and they could receive a summons and possible fine. The enforcer could also offer assistance to get them started in recycling. W. Harrison stated that the enforcer should report to T. Matheny and supply J. Corboy with monthly reports. W. Harrison asked that all members receive a copy of this draft report before the next meeting, so that they can review it and make comments before the meeting.

W. Harrison informed members that he will be attending the next Amwell Valley Business Association meeting to review the new recycling ordinance and offer assistance to any business.

**B. Clean-Up Day Report** – Two compactors for waste (not full) plus one 30 yard roll-off dumpster (approximately 2/3 full) were used. One ten-yard roll-off was full with tires – many more tires this year than last. Good Will Industries sent a tractor-trailer this year which was not completely full. They now accept electronics, which they failed to inform us in advance, so we lost an opportunity to collect more materials. Raritan Valley Disposal and Good Will Industries were both on time with no problems. Number of attendees was down from prior years.

W. Harrison organized a comparison list of attendees from the year 2000 to present.

Appreciation was expressed to Road Crew, M. Dessel, D. Wehmann and M. Petrus for their assistance.

**VI. INVOICES** - None received.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. E-Mail message from J. Luhrs/CFO, 5/6/11, re: Clean Communities Grant received - \$11,764.84
- B. E-Mail message from T. Pittetti, 5/2/11, re: Good Will Industries appreciation...
- C. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 4/26/11, re: Certified Coordinator
- D. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 4/26/11, re: AVBA – Recycling...

- E. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 4/15/11, re: topics for next agenda...
- F. E-Mail message from Freyes, 5/9/11, re: Recycling Enforcement Workshop – 6/15/11
- G. Various Minutes and Agendas
- H. Resource Recycling Magazine – April 2011

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS -**

- A. Articles for VIP - New Ideas - “How to Dispose of All Medicines in Garbage” – brief article on this topic was distributed at the meeting. M. Petrus wondered what to do when you see your neighbors obviously discarded recyclable materials in their garbage. Members discussed.

**IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**– No public present.

**X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**– M. Petrus stated that he will be contacting A. Johnson and inquire if a second dumpster would be available for cardboard at this year’s 4-H Fair, or if they could commingle all recyclables.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – 9:20 PM. (M. Dessel/M. DiDonato)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

**PRESENT:** W. Harrison, M. Petrus, S. Katz, M. DiDonato, M. Dessel, J. Wilkinsonm,  
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

**ABSENT:** T. Mathews, J. Bradstreet, E. Sailer

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their June 14, 2011 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: June 14, 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