

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 12, 2011 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 2011 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

**II. MINUTES** - Minutes of the June 14, 2011 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were no abstentions. (M. DiDonato/S. Katz)

**III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – No new business was added to the agenda.

#### IV. REPORTS

**A. Depot Report** – July 2011 – The July 2011 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail. 67 vehicles were serviced. There were many other customers before and after our regular operating hours. The cardboard dumpster was 70% full and the plastic dumpster was 60% full. There were approximately fifteen containers of bottles and cans collected from the ball fields, most of which needed sorting. Some recyclables were also found in the trash cans. There was a lot of paper from the Municipal Building this month. On Monday night, the cardboard container was full, mostly with cardboard that was not collapsed. At that point, W. Harrison discovered all manner of trash in the plastic dumpster. He managed to take it out. He also found several bags of unopened cans full of food. Members went on to discuss the possibility of fencing in the area, using the grit yard, or having security cameras installed. T. Mathews volunteered to bring in some catalogs on security items. W. Harrison also informed members that he updated the Volunteer List. Three Community service people showed up. Some bags came in for the EA School TerraCycle program. E. Sailer is doing the August Depot Day – W. Harrison will contact him.

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus reported that at the last meeting T. Robbi stated 40% of East Amwell Township has been preserved as of this date. 4-H Fair plans are progressing - volunteer list has been sent out. It is expected that three, maybe four, surrounding communities may be joining East Amwell at their table. He also managed to contact Mavrode Tree Farm for possible donations of tree seedlings and is waiting for a response. Recycling at the 4-H Fair will be single stream – M. Petrus is organizing a list of all recyclables for the vendors.

**C. Township Committee Report** – Tim Mathews reported that there was a special meeting on June 29 (he was absent, but received the draft minutes) to discuss, among other topics, plans for the Summer Playground operations and staffing. Another item discussed at this meeting was filling the position of Chief Financial Officer. J. Luhrs retired as of the end of June 2011 and there have been no applicants. The recommendation was to appoint T. Matheny as temporary CFO until the position is filled. He also stated that the resolution on the Sourland Alliance (from a prior meeting) was postponed until the July 14 meeting at his request. He needed time to review it.

**D. SWAC Report** – SWAC met on June 21, 2011 with a quorum present. Application from Flemington Concrete Products to establish a concrete recycling operation as an addition to their ongoing concrete manufacturing operation in Raritan Township was deemed complete. The vote

on approval will probably occur in September after the mandatory sixty-day comment period. He also reported that Alexandria Township has a very successfully recycling operation which several SWAC members visited. He hopes to visit it in the near future. The next County Hazardous Waste Day will be on July 9, 2011.

**E. Clawson Park Recycling** – W. Harrison stated that he oversees the recycling at the Park. He checks the recycling container for garbage, which he pulls out. He reported that recently he has found a large amount of almost empty vodka bottles. Bottle caps have not been removed. Raritan Valley Waste Disposal picks up the recycling container at the Park every two weeks, except during the winter months.

**F. Other – No other reports were received.**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recycling Enforcement** – W. Harrison briefly explained why this item has been temporarily postponed. A meeting with the Freeholders has finally been arranged for July 26. Two of the Freeholders are most interested in recycling. S. Katz explained some of the information she has gathered on other counties, who are doing far better with their recycling efforts. The County Recycling Coordinators of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex, Somerset, Burlington and Ocean Counties work with their Department of Health to enforce recycling in their communities. W. Harrison stated that Health Departments usually do not make inspection visits to certain businesses, such as, gas station. She tried to make contact with Hunterdon County Recycling Coordinator but did not receive a return response. W. Harrison suggested using the anticipated grant money for education. W. Harrison praised S. Katz for her work and initiative in this project. J. Corboy informed members that quite a few of the counties mentioned in S. Katz's report are quite active in the Clean Communities Grant project. She also pointed out that most of the counties mentioned are not quite as rural as Hunterdon County is.

**VI. INVOICES** - None received.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Various E-Mail messages, 7/7/11, re: Concerning the Enforcement Plan...
- B. E-Mail message from Good Will Industries, 6/27/11, Confirmation for Oct. Depot Day
- C. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 6/21/11, re: Clean-Up Day Question
- D. Various Minutes and Agendas
- E. Resource Recycling Magazine – June 2011
- F. Advertisement Flyer from Clear Span Fabric Structures
- G. Rutgers – New Jersey Compost Operator Certification – 9/16/11

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**– No comments received.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – 8:25 PM.

(M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

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

**ABSENT:** E. Sailer, M. Dessel, J. Wilkinson

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their August 9, 2011 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: August 9, 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