

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Township Committee Liaison, Mr. Tim Mathews, and prospective new member, Mr. Ed Sailer, were introduced prior to the start of the meeting, and were welcomed by all.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the February 8, 2011 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were three abstentions. (M. Petrus/S. Katz)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Topic of TerraCycle was added by S. Katz - will be discussed under Old Business.

#### IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – March 2011 – The March 2011 Depot Day Report was distributed to members via E-Mail just prior to the meeting. 87 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 70% full and the plastic dumpster was 50% full. On Monday, it was noted that the plastic dumpster was 75% full. Cardboard dumpster was already taken away. One and half buckets of batteries were collected and one large can of TerraCycle labels were collected. As stated previously, batteries will NO longer be collected at the Depot Days. They can be disposed of in regular garbage. Dumpsters were very clean. Community service volunteer did not attend. M. Petrus noted that there was no recyclables from the Municipal Building. W. Harrison will check into it. All four wooden signs were serviceable and were put in the shed. New sign emphasizing NO plastic bags will be made to put on top of dumpster. Members proceeded to sign up for the rest of the year of Depot Days.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission took all water samplings this past Saturday. G. Robbi checked with Raritan Valley Disposal to gather information about the new recycling program. Per W. Harrison, the program will be an incremental one – as they receive new recycling containers, they will be delivered to their customers.

C. Township Committee Report – Tim Mathews reported that the Township Committee is busy interviewing prospective candidates for various committee assignments. They are also discussing 2011 budgets. He also informed members that the new solar ordinance was accepted and that some acreage is being purchased for preservation with little or no funding needed from the Township.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did met on February 15 2011. This was their reorganization meeting. W. Harrison was named as chairman and Paul Cronic from Lambertville continues as vice chairman. SWAC approved the application of GreenCycle, LLC, a recycling operation in Union Township that plans to recycle and process construction waste. The Hunterdon County Transfer Station lease is up for renewal and the State is planning to raise the rent for the facility. The annual tonnage through the facility has been decreasing and the County is considering closing the facility. SWAC Long-Term Strategies Sub-Committee has not yet been able to meet with the Freeholders. Alan Johnson reported that of the 26 municipalities in the County, only 16

have sent in their quarterly reports. County Hazardous Waste Collection will be on March 12 and the Electronic Waste Collection day will be on March 26. Work is being done on the wording requirements to receive the \$82,000 County grant money from the State and work is also being done on making the certification requirements for Municipal Recycling Coordinators easier by allowing an on-line course for experienced coordinators. There will be a County Breakfast Meeting on Friday, April 1, to which all Township Committee and SWAC members are invited along with County elected officials.

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Enforcement – W. Harrison briefly explained the background of the plans for enforcement and why it is needed. Two letters have been sent to businesses in East Amwell Township informing them of the new recycling ordinance and asking them if they recycle and what items are recycled. M. DiDonato visited several of the businesses that did not respond and gave them another form to fill out. Some did not respond. S. Katz stated that she worked on determining what dollar amount would be needed to pay a recycling enforcer and where those funds might come from (grant funds). She also developed procedures for this person in interacting with these various businesses and suggested that a third letter be sent to the businesses that have not responded explaining the consequences of not recycling. A list of all businesses that were contacted was given to T. Mathews. T. Mathews suggested a sub-committee might be formed composed of members from Recycling Committee and the Township Committee. He also suggested that the surrounding communities be surveyed as to what their procedures are as far as getting businesses to comply with recycling. W. Harrison volunteered to gather as much data as he could from the different communities. He also volunteered to call Raritan Valley Disposal and inquire about their commercial recycling procedures for businesses and the costs. T. Mathews explained the workings of the Tree Harvesting Sub-Committee and suggested that the same plan might work for recycling enforcement. He also suggested that the Township provide recycling containers to the businesses, but follow-up pick-up would have to be provided. He suggested that the Recycling Committee work out several options for recycling enforcement and then present it to the Township Committee for their review, including legal review.

M. Petrus summarized the discussion:

1. Wait until all residents have the new recycling containers.
2. Estimate/determine the payback bonus residents receive for recycling.
3. Determine the costs for commercial recycling.
4. Send a letter to all the businesses – giving information about commercial recycling, if appropriate.
5. Set fines higher than the costs of recycling if they do not comply.

B. RVD/Republic Increased Recycling Opportunities at Curbside & Recycle Bank Coming to East Amwell Township – previously discussed.

C. TerraCycle – S. Katz explained that the school will have a change in personnel for this TerraCycle project. So for the time being, we are to collect the same items.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Copy of the Notice of Introduction – increase in fees for SUV’s – Clean-Up Day
- B. Changes to the List of Recycling Depot Collectables – no batteries
- C. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 3/1/11, re: Info on FreeCycle
- D. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 2/24/11, re: new prospective member – E. Sailer
- E. E-mail message from J. Glynn, 2/23/11, re: Municipal Recycling Coordinator Certifications
- F. Memo from A. Johnson/HCUA, 2/23/11, re: Hazardous Waste Collection Day – 3/12/11
- G. E-mail message from L. Tatsch, 2/20/11, re: Recycling Question – informing residents
- H. E-mail message from J. Luhrs, 2/17/11, re: Recycling Question – Grant funds
- I. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 2/10/11, re: Advertizing RVD Recycling
- J. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 2/11/11, re: New Recycling Bins from Republic (RVD)
- K. Various Minutes and Agendas
- L. Resource Recycling Magazine – February 2011
- M. 2011 ALERT Graphics Spring Catalog

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - no new business presented.

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – No comments received.

XI. Adjournment – 9:20 PM.

(M. DiDonato/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

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

**ABSENT:** M. Dessel

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their May 10, 2011 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 12, 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