

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 2011 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by Sande Katz, Vice-Chairperson.

**II. MINUTES** - Minutes of the August 9, 2011 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention. (M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

**III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – No new additions to the agenda were presented.

#### IV. REPORTS

**A. Depot Report** – September 2011 – The September 2011 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by J. Bradstreet. 67 vehicles were serviced. There were many other customers before and after our regular operating hours. The cardboard dumpster was 45% full and the plastic dumpster was 30% full. He checked on the dumpsters on Monday night and Tuesday morning and found them to be: cardboard – 75% full, plastic - 50% full. At this time, he also found, situated next to the plastic dumpster, one empty RVD trash container and ten pickle buckets apparently containing waste oil. There was paper from the Municipal Building in the shed again this month. There was one container of bottles and cans from the ball fields with some garbage included. A few bags came in for East Amwell School TerraCycle program. He informed members that there were a number of vehicles who drove in wanting to unload their storm damage items. He therefore repeatedly checked the area later to be sure they did not. No community service persons showed up. Expenses for refreshments: \$8.56

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission had a very brief meeting and that the main topic of conversation was plans for the 4-H Fair. East Amwell table will be set up next to Raritan Township, so that booth duty can be shared. They were unable to obtain seedlings, but several other nice prizes were purchased.

**C. Township Committee Report** – T. Mathews reported on a general discussion held at the last Township Committee meeting on the problems encountered by residents during Hurricane Irene. Jersey Central Power & Light was invited, but did not show up. Verizon was present. Many residents expressed their concerns about the poor service and lack of information supplied to them. T. Mathews mentioned several services, such as CART (emergency water supply for horses) and a Red Cross computer site for preparedness that most residents were not aware of. He also attended a recent FEMA meeting in Trenton to gather information on services and procedures and urged all residents, if they had damage due to the storm, to file a report to FEMA. The Township Committee has set up a special subcommittee to discuss emergency procedures. This subcommittee may eventually meet with East Amwell Township residents to gather information on their concerns. A final presentation will be given to the Township Committee at a later date.

T. Mathews also mentioned another topic brought up at the Township Committee meeting – deer dying in East Amwell Township from a viral disease (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease – EHD)

that is produced by the bite of a particular kind of insect (midges). There is no danger to humans or other animals.

T. Mathews also reported that a new Chief Financial Officer has been named – Katherine Monzo.

Members then went on to discuss security for the Municipal Building parking lot, especially during Depot Days. T. Mathews brought in a catalog of security devices and members reviewed several of the items. It was his suggestion to start out with a faux security camera/light device. M. Petrus suggested that we be sure to place a budget request for 2012 to cover the expenses involved. Grant monies might also cover this expense. Motion was made by M. Petrus and seconded by J. Bradstreet to issue a purchase request for a faux camera device and sign. The vote was unanimously in favor. Before purchase request is done, T. Mathews will discuss these security issues with T. Matheny and report back to the Recycling Committee with their suggestions. Members also briefly discussed signage/wording. The Township has shared services with the County and the sign could possibly be made by them. Secretary mentioned the fact that permission/approval might have to be obtained from the Township Committee to proceed with this issue.

**D. SWAC Report** – SWAC did not meet in August.

**E. Other - No other reports were received.**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recycling Enforcement** – **This topic is on hold - no further discussion.**

**B. Recycling at the 4-H Fair** - M. Petrus distributed his Report on Recycling at the 2011 Hunterdon County Fair. Vendors were very cooperative. The container dumpster was 7% of a 30 yd. dumpster full (2 cu. yd.), cardboard was 20% full (6 cu. yd.) and eighteen (18) 5-gallon containers were collected of cooking oil. Eighteen (18) bakery trays were collected and delivered to Shop-Rite. 3,470 plastic bags from ice and mug sales were recycled at Shop-Rite. On Tuesday prior to the Fair, Alan Johnson (HCUA) and M. Petrus walked the grounds and set up the twenty-three recycling containers – mostly concentrated in the food service areas. A 30 cubic yard dumpster, paid for by the Fair Committee, had been placed in the corner between the rides and the parking lot, far from the garbage dumpsters. A flyer suggesting guidelines for recycling was distributed to most vendors. Thursday through Sunday, between 8:00 – 10:00 AM, recyclables were collected by truck. Containers were remarkably free of garbage except for one or two near the food tents. Fair was closed early (Saturday) because of Hurricane Irene. On Sunday morning, M. Petrus collected the remaining recyclables and set the containers on their sides facing away from the prevailing winds. His only suggestion for 2012 was to safeguard the remaining recycling containers and attempt to get more. He also suggested that the recycling containers might be stored on the grounds and be readily available for other events.

**C. Recycling at Harvest Fest** – Harvest Fest was cancelled due to wet grounds. Therefore, there was no need for further discussion.

**VI. INVOICES** - None received.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Letter from R. Kelly/HCUA, 8/3/11, re: 2011 Second Quarter Municipal Recycling Compliance Report being forwarded to NJ DEP
- B. NJLM Mayors Advisory, 8/8/11, re: Recycling Grants Awarded... Southern Pine Beetle ...
- C. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 8/22/11, re: 4-H Fair recycling, Harvest Fest, etc.
- D. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 9/1/11, re: SWAC Report – did not meet
- E. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 8/20/11, re: soccer league recycling...
- F. E-Mail message T. Matheny, 8/8/11, re: recyclables in the municipal dumpster near garage...
- G. Various Minutes and Agendas
- H. Clear Span Fabric Structures Catalog
- I. Victory Garden's Inc. Flyer
- J. Alert Graphics 2011 Fall Catalog

**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. DiDonato/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

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Recycling Coordinator

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

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

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their October 11, 2011 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: October 11, 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