

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2011 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The November 2011 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:31 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

**II. MINUTES** - Minutes of the October 11, 2011 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were three abstentions. (S. Katz/E. Sailer)

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

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Depot Report** – November 2011 – The November 2011 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by M. Petrus. 60 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 95% full on Saturday and was removed by 7:15 AM on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 35% full on Saturday and 50% full on Monday. Five (5) bags of office paper were in the shed collected previously from the Municipal Building. One small bag was collected for East Amwell School TerraCycle program. M. Petrus stated that he will deliver it to the school later this week. Because of the power outage, no volunteers were able to be contacted or to commit. Marc DiDonato happened to recycle and stayed to assist. M. Petrus stated that he will have the TerraCycle containers, discussed at the October meeting, ready for the December Depot. Some garbage was found in each container dumped prior to the actual Depot timing. Athletic field recycling containers were not checked. A horse farm brought a large quantity of bags, filled previously with bedding, to the Depot this month

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission continued to discuss Conservation Easements. J. Bradstreet has kindly consented to head up this project when S. Parsons resigns at the end of 2011.

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

**D. SWAC Report** – SWAC did not meet in October. Attached to the SWAC report was an article from the Hunterdon County Democrat dated 10/27/11, entitled “Changes target low attendance.” It discusses the low attendance at SWAC meetings and the plans that the Freeholders have for trying to improve this situation. W. Harrison briefly explained the circumstances surrounding this article and the possibility of the elimination and/or the re-definition of SWAC. Hunterdon County Utilities Authority (HCUA) has drafted some revisions to the SWAC bylaws. Amended bylaws will be discussed at a December Freeholders meeting. Members discussed the issue briefly. The next SWAC meeting will be on 11/29/11, at which time, W. Harrison plans to discuss this matter.

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

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Recycling at the Soccer Fields** - Nothing new to report. This item will be removed from future agendas.

**VI. INVOICES** - None received.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. DEP Enforcement ALERT – Debris Disposal Necessitated by 1029/11 Storm...
- B. Solid Waste Advisory Class B & C Recycling Facilities – Nov. 2011
- C. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 10/17/11, re: TerraCycle Items – collected at Depot Day
- D. Article “Hunterdon Freeholders might amend SWAC bylaws to increase attendance...”
- E. Copy of article for upcoming VIP – increase in recyclables for TerraCycle
- F. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 10/22/11, re: New TerraCycle List
- G. E-mail message from L. Coster/DONJON, 10/18/11, re: Proposals for Recycling from DONJON Recycling
- H. E-Mail message from T. Stahl, 10/14/11, re: Citizen Leadership Form/E. Johanson
- I. E-Mail message from J. Wilkinson, 10/11/11, her resignation from Recycling Com.
- J. Various Minutes and Agendas
- K. Resource Recycling Magazine – October 2011
- L. Invitation to Republic Services/NJ Hospitality Reception on 11/16/11

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proposals received from DONJON Recycling – Secretary forwarded the actual proposals to members prior to this meeting. One proposal is for the recycling of scrap metal and the other is for electronic scrap metal. Both proposals call for a container to be left at a site named by the municipality. It would be the responsibility of the municipality to be sure the container is packed tightly. Municipality would receive credit for the recyclables received. Members went on to discuss the various points mentioned in the proposals. Some of the negatives mentioned were (1) no dedicated yard with fencing, lights and security in which to place the container; (2) deductions taken and/or charges levied for non-conforming materials received. It was mentioned that Good Will Industries already collects electronics and also, the County has a dedicated day for the recycling of electronics. East Amwell Township collects scrap metal and household appliances once a year at Clean-Up Day. Not that much is received. W. Harrison mentioned that one of the positives would be to capture more of the metal and electronic recyclables throughout the year. General consensus of the members was that they are satisfied with the current situation. W. Harrison called for a motion to decline their offer. J. Bradstreet made the motion and E. Sailer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Secretary was asked to notify them of our decision

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

**X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**– S. Katz requested that an item be added to the agenda on a regular basis – “Articles for the VIP.” Members agreed and secretary was asked to add it the regular agenda.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – 8:25 PM.

(M. Dessel/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

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Recycling Coordinator

**PRESENT:** W. Harrison, S. Katz, M. DidDonato, M. Petrus, M. Dessel, J. Bradstreet,  
E. Sailer, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

**ABSENT:** T. Mathews

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their December 13, 2011 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: December 13, 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