

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 13, 2011 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

**III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – Secretary added the topic of Budget Requests 2012. It will be discussed under New Business.

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Depot Report** – December 2011 – The December 2011 Depot Day Report was distributed to members at the meeting by M. DiDonato. 74 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 75% full on Saturday and was 95% full on Sunday. The plastic dumpster was 33% full on Saturday and 45% full on Monday. One garbage bag was collected for East Amwell School TerraCycle program. M. Petrus volunteered to help this month to pay back the favor of M. DiDonato's assistance last month. Once again, some paper, plastic and glass were found in each container dumped prior to the actual Depot timing. All athletic field recycling containers were collected and put near the storage shed.

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus stated that Chairperson, S. Parsons, investigated the prescription return program recently installed by Shop-Rite. She left messages but has not received a response. There is a fee involved with this program. He also informed members that there is a prescription drug collection drop box located in the lobby of the Justine Center in Flemington.

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

**D. SWAC Report** – SWAC met on 11/29/11 with a record (for 2011) attendance of 16. Freeholders did not distribute their suggested changes to the SWAC bylaws prior to this meeting. Attached to the SWAC report, W. Harrison also included a copy of his letter to the Freeholders concerning their plans to change the SWAC bylaws without first consulting with SWAC. This letter was presented to the Freeholders at their 12/6/11 meeting. After much discussion, the Freeholders decided to postpone a decision until January 2012 after SWAC has a chance to review the changes. Since SWAC has no scheduled meetings before February 2012, A. Johnson (Director of Solid Waste & Recycling) and W. Harrison have decided to try to arrange a special SWAC meeting before the holidays to resolve this issue.

W. Harrison suggested that East Amwell Township assign a certified Recycling Coordinator to cosign the annual East Amwell Township Recycling Report. He provided contact information for several certified Recycling Coordinators who would be willing to do so. There may or may not be a fee involved. However, one should be offered.

A. Johnson/Director of Solid Waste & Recycling, reported that 778 people were served on the October Electronics Collection Day and 586 were served at the November Hazardous Waste Day.

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

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**VI. INVOICES** - None received.

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. Amendment to the Hunterdon County District Solid Waste Management Plan
- B. Memo from A. Johnson/HCUA, 11/22/11, re: Hunterdon County Utilities Authority Municipal Services in 2012.
- C. E-Mail message from T. Stahl, 12/1/11, re: Appointment to Recycling Committee
- D. Article “Hunterdon Freeholder plan for Solid Waste Advisory Council irks members”
- E. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 11/22/11, re: HC Amendment
- F. Various Minutes and Agendas
- G. Resource Recycling Magazine – November 2011

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Articles for the VIP** – S. Katz reported that there was no article in the last issue of the VIP. She recommended that the list of collectable Terracycle items appear in each issue. S. Katz will organize an article for the January issue. E. Johanson suggested that there be a call for new Recycling Committee members and a reminder about batteries no longer being collected as recycling. They can now be discarded in the garbage. She suggested that W. Harrison write this article on batteries, because of his knowledge on the topic. He agreed to write an article for the February issue. Future plans for articles will be obtained from J. Bradstreet at the next meeting.

**B. Budget Requests for 2012** – Secretary passed out a copy of the Budget Request Sheet to members. Members discussed and W. Harrison suggested that the budget requests remain the same as 2011. Secretary suggested that the Recycling Expenses could be dropped to \$200 from \$250. Members agreed. Motion was made by E. Johanson to accept the budget request as previously stated. M. Petrus seconded the motion and all were in favor. Secretary will file this budget request with the Ms. Monzo, CFO.

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

**X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**– W. Harrison expressed his sincere appreciation to M. DiDonato for his years of expert service to this Committee. He also reminded all members to be on the lookout for new members.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – 8:10 PM.

(M. DiDonato/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

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

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

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their January 10, 2012 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: January 10, 2012 - 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