

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2012 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The April 2012 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:33 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the February 14, 2012 Meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There were three abstentions. (M. Petrus/E. Johanson)

March 2012 meeting discussion notes were reviewed with no comments and/or corrections.

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

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – April 2012 – The April 2012 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by S. Katz. 65 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and was 95% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and 80% full on Monday. A full bucket of wrappers was collected for TerraCycle. J. Bradstreet volunteered to head up the May and October Depot Days.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus stated that the Environmental Commission had a very brief meeting. They did approve of moving the reporting of recycling at the 4-H Fair to the Recycling Committee. One of the members reported that she had several knowledgeable volunteers to work on the trail maintenance project, a FOSPC grant application.

C. Township Committee Report – No report was received. As of this date, no confirmation has been received by this Committee on the name of the Township Committee liaison.

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison e-mailed his SWAC report prior to the meeting. They held their reorganization meeting on March 20, 2012 and sub-committees were appointed. Also, a meeting scheduled was established. They must meet a minimum of four times each year per their new by-laws. A discussion was held on the method of allowing certified recycling coordinators to sign tonnage forms for a municipality that does not have a certified coordinator on staff.

There was also some discussion about the various recycling methods used around the County. County Freeholders have not, as yet, expressed any recent interest in moving forward with coordinated County-wide plans for solid waste and recycling. Several SWAC members would like to continue to press the Freeholders for some action. E. Johanson inquired about the recycling of concrete waste.

E. Other - No other reports were received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Final Plans for Clean-Up Day – E. Johanson pointed out that there will be a bus trip sponsored by the Sourland Alliance on the same date as Clean-Up Day. Bus will be leaving from the Municipal Building parking lot – traffic may be a problem. W. Harrison asked E. Johanson to inform the leaders of the trip to request their patrons to park at the parking lot to the west of the Municipal Building. W. Harrison will contact D. Wehmann to assist at the Clean-Up Day.

E. Johanson inquired about exactly what is acceptable for Clean-Up Day. She was referred to the article in the VIP.

VI. INVOICES - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. E-Mail message from S. Pena, 3/26/12, "Green Your School Challenge"
- B. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 3/30/12, re: Certified Recycling Coordinator
- C. E-Mail message from T. Stahl, 3/29/12, re: CFO (resignation)
- D. Note from W. Runk, 3/13/12, re; Requests from Last Meeting
- E. Various Minutes and Agendas

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP – Articles are needed for the next issue of the VIP. E. Johanson suggested the topic of recycling fluorescent light bulbs, especially the new CFBs. M. Petrus suggested a topic of reusing items in the kitchen – plastic take-out food containers, cereal bags, etc. P. McGovern suggested supplying the public with information on the recycling of plastic bags. She also inquired about plastic containers that do not have a recycling symbol/number on them. E. Johanson suggested an article on the different websites where people can dispose of useful items that someone else might have a need for. The topic of Styrofoam was discussed briefly. W. Harrison agreed to do an article on Styrofoam for the May 2012 issue of the VIP.

B. 4-H Fair Recycling – M. Petrus informed members that the Environmental Commission agreed to relinquish the reporting of recycling at the 4-H Fair to the Recycling Committee. M. Petrus explained the prior history of this recycling program and also told members what is recycled and the procedures of doing such. The Hunterdon County Park Association was also urged to see to it that recycling was also carried out at other events held at the South County Park. Members discussed briefly and agreed. J. Bradstreet made the motion and it was seconded by E. Johanson. All were in favor. Recycling Committee will coordinate the recycling at the 4-H Fair.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public present.

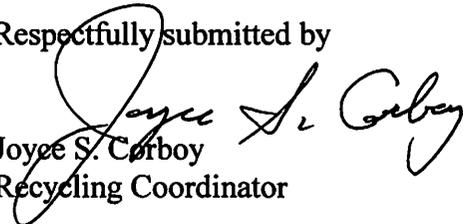
X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE– No comments received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 PM.

(M. Petrus/S. Katz)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator



PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, S. Katz, J. Bradstreet, P. McGovern, E. Johanson,
E. Sailer, J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: M. Dessel

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their May 8, 2012 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: May 8, 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