

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 8, 2012 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 2012 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 April 10, 2012 Meeting were approved with one deletion on page one – Township Committee Report. There were no abstentions. (M. Petrus/P. McGovern)

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

#### **IV. REPORTS**

**A. Depot Report** – May 2012 – The May 2012 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by J. Bradstreet. 50 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 45% full on Saturday and was 75% full on Sunday evening.. The plastic dumpster was 40% full on Saturday and 70% full on Sunday evening. A few bags came in for EA School TerraCycle program. There was paper from the Municipal Building in the shed again this month and there was a container of bottles and cans from the ball fields. Refreshments - \$8.56. M. Petrus volunteered to head the June Depot Day.

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus informed members that there will not be a Plant Exchange Day this year – no volunteers available to head it up. He did an article for the VIP on this topic. He also informed members that in May 2012, there will be three moderate-size properties closing for preservation. The Environmental Commission discussed prizes for the 4-H Fair and decided on bean seed packets.

**C. Township Committee Report** – No report was received. It has been confirmed that Pat Cregar is the liaison from the Township Committee

**D. SWAC Report** – W. Harrison confirmed that SWAC did not meet in April.

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

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Clean-Up Day Report** – 33 loads were received – several residents came more than once. Along with his written report, W. Harrison prepared a Clean-Up Day Comparison Chart from 2000 – 2012 – numbers have definitely gone down. Members discussed this downward trend, questioning whether the absence of the Township Newsletter affected this number. P. McGovern stated that she thought the Newsletter was important to residents. W. Harrison suggested placing an advertisement in the Hunterdon County Democrat. P. McGovern suggested making up a banner and hanging it up a couple of weeks prior might remind residents more widely. P. McGovern also suggested mailing a postcard reminder to all residents. Budgets would have to be considered with any of these efforts. W. Harrison requested that this item be put on the agenda in March and/or April of 2013.

Good Will Industries sent a tractor-trailer this year which was not half full. Both Raritan Valley Waste Disposal and Good Will Industries arrived on time with no problems. W. Harrison

expressed a sincere thank-you to the Road Crew members, M. Dessel, M. Petrus and D. Wehmann for all of their efforts and assistance.

**VI. INVOICES** - None received.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Memo from A. Johnson/HCUA, 5/2/12, re: Commercial and Institutional Recycling Inspection Reports

B. NJLM Mayors Advisory Notice, 5/2/12, re: Administration Awards Clean Communities Grants and Historic Preservation Awards

C. DEP News Releases – Christie Administration Announces \$16 Million on Clean Communities Grants for Municipalities and Counties (East Amwell - \$11,547.26)

D. County Household Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day – July 14, 2012

E. County Computer & Electronics Collection Day – October 13, 2012

F. E-Mail from W. Harrison, 4/25/12, re: Clean-Up Day Assistance

G. Various Minutes and Agendas

H. Resource Recycling Magazine – April 2012

I. Advertisement flyers from Windsor Barrel Works

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Articles for the VIP** – Articles are needed for the next issue of the VIP.

W. Harrison’s article on “Polystyrene Recycling” appeared in the May 2012 issue of the VIP. J. Bradstreet stated that he will be preparing an article on compact and regular fluorescent bulbs for the June issue.

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

**X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE** – Secretary/coordinator reported that the 2011 Tonnage Report has been completed and was forwarded to Kathleen Bross (Certified Recycling Coordinator), who has forward it to the State on behalf of East Amwell Township and at no charge to us. This is new regulation required by the State of New Jersey. Secretary reported that she found the average tonnage amounts reported to us seem to remain close to the same amounts each year, even though the amounts at Depot Days seem to have increased steadily over the last year or so. W. Harrison stated that there is simply no way that this could be checked out. W. Harrison also mentioned a recent article on decreases in recycling in the northern counties of New Jersey. He will forward it to all members after the meeting. W. Harrison stated that he believes there are other waste disposal companies that pick up in East Amwell Township. P. McGovern confirmed this fact. She will try to obtain the telephone number of one that picks up in her area. The State requires all waste disposal companies to report recycling tonnage to the respective municipalities.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT** – 8:20 PM.

(J. Bradstreet/P. McGovern)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

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

**ABSENT:** M. Dessel, E. Johanson, E. Sailer

**NOTE:** These minutes have not been formally approved by the Recycling Committee. They will be reviewed at their June 12, 2012 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: June 12, 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