

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2012 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The June 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 May 8, 2012 Meeting were approved with no additions/deletions. There were two abstentions. (J. Bradstreet/M. Petrus)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – Secretary suggested adding the topic of Tax Bill Mailing. E. Johanson requested a discussion on the topic of New Recycling Opportunities. Both of these items will be discussed under New Business.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – June 2012 – The June 2012 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by M. Petrus. 81 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 40% full on Saturday and was 50% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 40% full on Saturday and 60% full on Monday evening. One large bagful of labels and one printer came in for EA School TerraCycle program. Dumpsters were appropriately placed but were not in good condition. Both had to be secured with safety chains after the Depot. Raritan Valley Disposal was notified of these problems. There were three bags of office paper from the Municipal Building in the shed this month and there was a small amount of plastics from the outside container. M. Petrus will deliver the TerraCycle items to the school next week. For the record, secretary reported that on Sunday afternoon she observed two persons removing recyclables from the dumpsters. Members proceeded to have a brief discussion of other waste haulers serving East Amwell Township.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus informed members that the Environmental Commission has received the names of two individuals who are willing to organize the Plant Exchange Day next year. He also stated that four more letters were sent to residents who have conservation easements on their properties. As of this date, no site visits have been performed. The Environmental Commission has authorized a letter of support to the Farmland and Open Space Committee for their project of building trails along the upper Stony Brook area.

C. Township Committee Report – No report was received. Secretary just received word that Tim Mathews is the liaison from the Township Committee

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison confirmed that SWAC did meet on 5/15/12. A. Johnson reported that solid waste deliveries to the County Transfer Station have been declining in recent years and the trend is continuing this year. A. Johnson also reported that Hunterdon County has State grant moneys available in the amounts of \$12,000 for exploration of shared services and \$40,000 for development/implementation of a recycling education program. SWAC is still discussing the opportunity to meet with the Freeholders – it was originally scheduled for June 5. However, they found out that they were not listed on the agenda. Now it might occur in July.

A. Johnson also informed their members that the Freeholders have voted to dissolve the County Utilities Authority. However, the State has not yet accepted this dissolution. The County is

continuing to request and receive their quarterly reports on recycling expenses from each municipality. They have reported that only 14 out of the 26 have complied. The County Health Department is reporting on recycling practices when they do their regular health-related inspections of food-related businesses. Albe Zakes, Jr., Global VP/Media of TerraCycle is expected to be a guest speaker at the June SWAC meeting.

E. Other - No other reports were received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. INVOICES - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. E-Mail message from J. Bradstreet, 6/5/12, re: attendance
- B. Mailing from DEP – re: 2012 Recycling Awards Program
- C. Note from Environmental Commission, 6/4/12, re: 4-H Fair – August 2012
- D. E-Mail message from P. Dymek, 5/31/12, Tax Bill Stuffer
- E. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 6/4/12, re: suggestions for tax bill mailing...
- F. E-Mail message from P. McGovern, 6/6/12, re: suggestions for tax bill mailing...
- G. E-Mail message from P. McGovern, 5/24/12, re: name of another waste hauler in EA
- H. Article “After falling behind in recycling, New Jersey looks for solutions”
- I. Various Minutes and Agendas
- J. Resource Recycling Magazine – May 2012
- K. Catalog from Recycling Promotions.com
- L. Flyer from ProTainer

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

July 15 is the deadline for the next issue of the VIP. M. Petrus suggested article on composting. He suggested having information available at the 4-H Fair Booth on composting, perhaps, even a sample exhibit. P. McGovern suggested that an article on composting/information availability at the 4-H Fair be organized. M. Petrus and J. Bradstreet agreed to collaborate on the next article.

B. Tax Bill Mailing – J. Corboy informed members that the latest list of suggested recyclables was sent to P. Dymek for insertion in the tax bill mailing. P. McGovern suggested that next year we consider providing more information to our residents, such as, dates of next Clean-Up Day, County Hazardous Waste Days, etc. W. Harrison stated that it might be difficult to plan dates so far in advance.

C. New Recycling Opportunity – E. Johanson stated that she recently went to the Pennington Farmers Market at Rosedale Mills in Pennington (last Saturday of each month). She received information that they are planning to collect #5 plastics, wine bottle corks, Styrofoam egg cartons, used athletic shoes on certain dates (June 30, July 28, August 25, September 29 and October 27). She suggested advertising this fact on our Depot Days. E. Johanson agreed to

gather more information and possibly organize an article for the VIP. Or, she may inform those in charge of this project and suggest that they submit information directly to the VIP.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public present.

X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – No comments received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 8:22 PM. (M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

ABSENT: E. Sailer

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

NEXT MEETING: July 10, 2012 - 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