

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

AUGUST 14, 2012 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The August 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 July 10, 2012 Meeting were approved with no additions/deletions. There were three abstentions. (M. Petrus/W. Harrison)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: M. Petrus requested the addition of “4-H Fair Recycling” to be discussed under E. Other (Reports). W. Harrison requested the addition of “October – Good Will Industries” to be discussed under V. Old Business.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – August 2012 – The August 2012 Depot Day Report was sent to W. Harrison prior to the meeting via e-mail by E. Johanson. W. Harrison distributed to all. Approximately 40 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 25% full on Saturday and was 75% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 25% full on Saturday and 75% full on Monday. A few package wraps came in for EA School TerraCycle program. Ten bundles of undelivered Hunterdon Observer tied with plastic were in the dumpster on Monday. W. Harrison reported the incident to the Hunterdon County Democrat. On Monday, seven plastic bags containing cans and bottles were found in the plastic dumpster. M. Petrus was able to pull out and empty four. He volunteered to make a sign asking after-hour recyclers to empty bags rather than toss them in the dumpster. Broken glass was found between the two dumpsters. M. Petrus cleaned most of it up and E. Johanson reported it to the Municipal Building.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission had a very brief meeting in July. He gave members some information on the upcoming Well Water Testing event to be held on October 9. J. Corboy read off the list and costs of what tests will be available. Tests results will be reported only to the home owner. He also reported that a conservation easement site visit was performed during the last month.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Mathews stated that the Township Committee recently discussed the upcoming Township re-assessments. He informed members that the costs for the re-assessments will be amortized over a five-year period. The Township Committee recently approved \$25,000 from the Open Space Fund and together with D & R Greenway purchased ten acres near the Somerset County border. This parcel of land is connected to other preserved properties. W. Harrison inquired about forest management with land conservation properties. T. Mathews stated that D & R Greenway are overseeing the management of this property. T. Mathews reported that this is the first year that the East Amwell School is below 400 students and that they are opening up enrollment to outside residents.

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison reported that SWAC did not meet in July. Appointment with the Freeholders is now tentatively scheduled for August 21. He stated that they hope to discuss two key subjects: recycling education of the public and shared services. Grant monies are available for the education process. T. Mathews suggested starting education at a very early age – stating that children can have a great influence.

E. Other – 4-H Fair Recycling – M. Petrus stated that he has been informed that the 4-H Fair Committee has requested assistance with the recycling at the Fair. Therefore, M. Petrus volunteered to do the set up prior to the opening of the Fair and also, the tear-down process at the end of the Fair on Sunday. W. Harrison will check with A. Johnson concerning the recycling containers. M. Petrus stated that we should discuss plans for future years in working with the 4-H Fair Committee and recycling at the Fair. He also informed members that Sweet Valley has promised bean seeds to be used as prizes for the children.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Good Will Industries at October Depot Day – W. Harrison informed members that he has already called Good Will Industries to have a truck available for the October 2012 Depot Day. He called for a motion to do so. M. Petrus made that motion and it was seconded by S. Katz. All were in favor.

VI. INVOICES - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Flyers for East Amwell Community Well Testing – October 9 Drop-off Date**
- B. Phone call message from Supreme Asset Management & Recovery**
- C. Notice from All American Recycling Corporation**
- D. E-mail message from W. Harrison to Good Will Industries, 8/8/12, re: Truck**
- E. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 8/7/12, re: Depot Day Report from E. Johanson**
- F. Recycling Inspection Summary – May 2012 from Hunterdon County (3)**
- G. 2012 Employees & Officials Directory Updates & Township Committee Liaisons**
- H. County Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day – November 10, 2012**
- I. E-mail message from W. Harrison to T. Matheny, 7/23/12, re: Grit Yard**
- J. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 7/19/12, re: attached article by B. Martin**
- K. Various Minutes and Agendas**
- L. Resource Recycling Magazine – July 2012**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP – S. Katz reported that the VIP had the wrong date for the September Depot Day. M. Petrus suggested that the list be sent to the VIP at the beginning of the year, so that they have the correct dates for the year. S. Katz volunteered to contact the VIP to correct the September date. M. Petrus volunteered to do an article on prescription drug recycling for the October issue. He also suggested an article concerning

the opening of the Grit Yard on the dates and during the hours of Depot Days. J. Bradstreet volunteered to do this notice along with something else of interest for the September issue.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public present.

X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – W. Harrison reported that he will be absent from the September meeting (on vacation). M. Petrus inquired if anyone knew what does Shop-Rite and other such businesses do with the plastic bags that they recycle. T. Mathews volunteered to try to obtain this information from Shop-Rite.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 8:45 PM. (T. Mathews/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

**Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator**

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

ABSENT: E. Sailer, E. Johanson, M. Dessel, P. McGovern

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their September 11, 2012 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 11, 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