

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2012 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 2012 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:35 P. M. by S. Katz, Vice-Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the August 14, 2012 Meeting were approved with one deletion on page one – Township Committee report. There were three abstentions.

(M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None requested.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – September 2012 – The September 2012 Depot Day Report was distributed to members at the meeting. Approximately 51 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 33% full on Saturday and was 50% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 33% full on Saturday and 50% full on Monday. Half-full barrel of items came in for EA School TerraCycle program. M. Petrus stated that he has left e-mail messages (delivering the TerraCycle items) for S. Ernst at the East Amwell School, but has not received an answer yet. One of the dumpsters was difficult to pry open and S. Katz suggested that we have a pry bar in the shed in case this happens again. Members discussed asking the road crew and/or Raritan Valley to open the dumpsters ahead of time. S. Katz volunteered to call Raritan Valley and inquire if they could open the dumpsters. E. Johanson donated a box of plastic gloves for all volunteers to use. Grit yard was opened and it appeared as though some mulch was taken. M. Petrus volunteered to make up a sign indicating that the grit yard is open for posting on the Municipal Parking Lot. S. Katz also commented that it was difficult to remove the “No Plastic Bags” sign from on top of the dumpster. E. Johanson inserted the informational materials on other recycling sources into the Depot Day satchel. She also inquired about the reports we used to receive about recycling prices – website folded and another could not be found. E. Johanson volunteered to search for another site.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reminded members that the Environmental Commission will be sponsoring Well Water Testing during the month of September with sample kits due back on October 9. Full information, including testing kits, is available at the Municipal Building. M. Petrus then informed members of the results of the 4-Fair booth. All prizes were donated this year from a variety of sources, such as, Sweet Valley, Lowe’s and Rosedale Mills. Thus, there was a savings of \$200 from the Environmental Commission budget. M. Petrus hand delivered notes of appreciation to all who donated items. He suggested that the Environmental Commission consider purchasing a table banner and new tablecloth for next year’s event.

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

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison was absent this evening. However, he did forward a report prior to this meeting. The SWAC Committee met with the Freeholders on 8/21/12 and they agreed to assist in promoting shared service efforts in the County. Attached to this information was a reprint of an article that appeared in the Hunterdon County Democrat on 8/21/12, “Hunterdon government to get more involved in recycling effort.” The next regular SWAC meeting will occur on 9/18/12.

E. Other – 4-H Fair Recycling – M. Petrus proceeded to report verbally on the recycling at the 4-H Fair. The 4-H Fair Committee actually did the collecting of recycling this year. E. Johanson and M. Petrus set up the containers the first day. One 30 yd. covered dumpster and 60% of another dumpster were full with recyclables (cardboard and containers). No bakery trays were collected this year. Used cooking oil was donated to a local farmer. Some cardboard recycling had to be cleaned of food matter. The 4-H Fair Committee is considering purchasing plastic bags for recycling in the future. It was also reported that the 4-H group has an Environmental Club that is interested in recycling. M. Petrus reported that the 4-H Fair Committee was most pleased with all efforts. A full written report will be delivered shortly. Members also discussed briefly recycling at other events held at the South County Park. M. Petrus volunteered to check to see if recycling is performed at other events held at the Park, when he meets with the 4-H Fair Committee.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. INVOICES - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Notice from NBR National Bulb Recycling (members discussed briefly)**
- B. E-mail message from J. Branagan, 9/5/12, re: New Programs for the School Year**
- C. Article - Editorial: “Recycling rates rise when towns, counties, make it really easy”**
- D. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 8/22/12, re: SWAC Activity**
- E. E-mail message from S. Katz, 8/15/12, re: VIP Date for Sept. Dept.**
- F. Report from HCUA, 8/13/12, re: 2nd. Quarter recycling inspection reports**
- G. Various Minutes and Agendas**
- H. Resource Recycling Magazine – August 2012**
- I. 2012 Alert Graphics Fall Catalog**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP – M. Petrus volunteered to write an article on prescription drug recycling for the October VIP issue. J. Bradstreet stated that he will write another article/reminder about the grit yard opening on Depot Days and also one on recycling fluorescent bulbs and a reminder again about the collection of batteries.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public present.

X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – No comments received.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 8:25 PM. (M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

ABSENT: W. Harrison, E. Sailer,

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their
October 9, 2012 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: October 9, 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

