

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 9, 2012 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**The October 2012 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:32 P. M. by S. Katz, Vice-Chairperson.**

**II. MINUTES - Minutes of the September 11, 2012 Meeting were approved with no corrections/deletions/additions. There were two abstentions.**

**(S. Katz/M. Petrus)**

**III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Hunterdon County Survey to be discussed under New Business per W. Harrison.**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Depot Report – October 2012** – The October 2012 Depot Day Report was distributed to members via e-mail prior to the meeting. Approximately 64 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 70% full on Saturday and was 100% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 40% full on Saturday and 70% full on Monday. Quite a few bags came in for EA School TerraCycle program. Dumpsters were opened by RVD. There was paper from the Municipal Building in the shed this month and it was put into the dumpster. There was a container of bottles, cans and trash from the ball field, which needed to have contaminants sorted out. Once again, small plastic bags were found in the container dumpster on both Sunday and Monday. They had to be fished out and discarded. Unfortunately, only a few residents came with items for Good Will. S. Katz stated that it was, perhaps, because of poor publicity. M. Petrus stated that he did post the signs ahead of time. W. Harrison stated that we would have to discuss the issue again in 2013, if Good Will decides not to attend the October Depot Day. M. Petrus informed members that he did take the TerraCycle items to the school and was told that they only want to collect laptops and cell phones, no other electronic equipment. Next month will be that last month for the Grit Yard/Depot Day opening trail period. Township Committee will have to decide if they wish to continue the program next Spring. Refreshments: \$14.56.

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus informed members that the Environmental Commission Well Water Testing concluded on October 9. Approximately 46 residents participated. There were 2 no shows. One conservation easement site visit was done last month. Christian Plunkett will be invited to the October 2012 Environmental Commission to speak about a Shade Tree Ordinance. M. Petrus participated in the seminar/talk held at Clawson Park with Mr. Plunkett. He stated that he could see Mr. Plunkett would be a valuable resource to individual residents and as a Clawson Park advisor. P. McGovern stated that tree management is important especially in public areas. M. Petrus also stated that he participated in a survey done by a Rutgers University graduate student on deer management.

**C. Township Committee Report** – T. Mathews informed members that at the last Township Committee meeting residents were present to inquire about recent electrical outages in the Rocktown area and other areas in the north end of East Amwell Township. Mr. Anderson of JCP&L was in the audience and was asked to respond to this concern. T. Mathews also informed members that the Township Committee has requested some changes in the recently adopted Solar Ordinance. It has been sent back to the Planning Board for the revisions. The proposed revisions would limit the size of the large-scale solar projects and the location on the site, keep panels out of sight of neighbors and maintain East Amwell's rural character. The public hearing is set for November. He also stated that he checked with Shop-Rite about the plastic bag recycling and was told that someone would have to get back to him with a response. So far, no response has been received.

**D. SWAC Report – SWAC met on 9/18/12 with quorum present.** W. Harrison stated that a SWAC delegation met with the Freeholders on August 11, 2012. A panel was appointed to study shared services and some form of coordinated education. Two State DEP members attended the 9/18/12 SWAC meeting. W. Harrison shared the 2010 Hunterdon County recycling rates information – indication of recycling rates in all Hunterdon County municipalities provided prior to the special Hunterdon County meetings. Members briefly discussed and W. Harrison stated that DEP representatives agree that the rates are not exactly accurate. They believe it is a reporting problem – overlapping municipal boundaries – haulers may misappropriate the number. W. Harrison also informed members that the Hunterdon County Health Department inspections of food business are now gathering recycling information as well and reporting it back to the municipality. SWAC has sent out a Recycling Survey to all municipalities to attempt to gather solid waste and recycling information that will help SWAC and the County decide how to coordinate services to better serve the residents and save money. J. Corboy and W. Harrison reviewed the survey prior to this meeting and J. Corboy will respond to the survey. Two SWAC subcommittees are active: Education and Long Term Strategies. W. Harrison hopes to have more to report on them in the future. The next SWAC meeting will be on October 30, 2012.

W. Harrison stated that he attended the Hunterdon County Municipal Officials Meeting on 9/21/12, conducted by Jane Kozinski, Esq., Assistant Commissioner NJDEP. There was an open discussion regarding successes and challenges facing municipalities in Hunterdon.

T. Matheny, T. Stahl and W. Harrison recently attended the Hunterdon County Shared Services Initiative Meeting on October 4, 2012. Andrea Bonette also attended. Many County officials spoke including Freeholder Director Walton. W. Harrison stated that there are a lot of opportunities for shared services and some may be applicable to East Amwell. Shared purchasing looks like good place to start and recycling and solid waste opportunities may follow.

M. Petrus suggested that stickers be placed on garbage cans advertising what should not be in the garbage. He also reported that he checked on other events held at the South County Park and

found that they did not do recycling. W. Harrison suggested that both Hunterdon County and the 4-H members should be responsible for recycling.

Hunterdon County Electronics Collection Day is Saturday, October 13 and Hazardous Waste Day is November 10 at the County Complex.

## **E Other**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

### **VI. INVOICES - None received.**

### **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

- A. E-mail message from P. Kneski, 10/1/12, re: Municipal Recycling Survey**
- B. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 10/5/12, re: Recycling Tomorrow & Rescue Squad Coin Toss**
- C. Letter from L. Z. Jordan/DEP, 9/27/12, re: January is Radon Action Month**
- D. E-mail message from T. Stahl, 9/27/12, re: Last Day to Register for NJLMC**
- E. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 9/30/12, re: Reminder – 10/6/12 – Good Will**
- F. E-mail message from P. McGovern, 9/12/12, re: RVD dumpster info**
- G. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 9/19/12, re: September 21 Recycling Mtg. Agenda**
- H. E-mail message from S. Katz, 9/19/12, re: Signs**
- I. E-mail message from S. Pena, 9/17/12, re: Agenda from 9/21/12 meeting**
- J. E-mail message from S. Pena, 9/17/12, re: draft handouts for 9/21/12 meeting**
- K. Agenda for 9/18/12 SWAC Meeting**
- L. Article “On 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of required recycling, New Jersey tries to boost rates”**
- M. E-mail message from Recycling Revolution, 9/10/12, re: Opening of New Rec. Center**
- N. E-mail message from S. Katz, 9/12/12, re: RVD dumpster info**
- O. Agenda for Hunterdon County Shared Services Initiatives Meeting on 10/4/12**
- P. Various Minutes and Agendas**
- Q. Resource Recycling Magazine – September 2012**
- R. Invitation to plansmartnj annual dinner**

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Articles for the VIP** – M. Petrus stated that he did not organize the article on prescription drug recycling for the October VIP issue. He promised to do it for the November issue. J. Bradstreet stated that he will write another reminder article.

**B. Update on Hunterdon County Recycling Meeting** – S. Katz stated that A. Johnson informed her that he has purchased new frames and bags for recycling at the County Park. She also informed members that the Hunterdon County Print Shop is available for printing services to all municipalities. Members briefly discussed the need for re-instituting the East Amwell Township Newsletter. T. Mathews suggested re-using Township monies from other committees,

such as Recreation Committee, for this purpose. The consensus of opinion was that we should re-visit the issue of sending out a Newsletter. Other comments from this meeting can be found under the SWAC Report. November 15, 2012 is America Recycles Day.

**C. Hunterdon County Survey** – Survey was reviewed and completed by J. Corboy and W. Harrison this evening prior to the meeting. J. Corboy will complete and forward to the County. October 18, 2012 is the deadline. SWAC is collecting the data from the survey.

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

**X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – No comments received.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 PM.** (S. Katz/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

**Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator**

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

**ABSENT:** E. Sailer

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their November 13, 2012 meeting.

**NOTE:** Recording device failed halfway through the meeting. Remainder of meeting was taken from secretary's notes.

**NEXT MEETING:** November 13, 2012 - 7:30 PM

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| <b>cc: Rec. Com. Members</b> | <b>Board of Health</b>     | <b>Twp. Committee &amp; Clerk</b>                 |
| <b>Recreation Com.</b>       | <b>Planning Board</b>      | <b>Zoning Board of Adjustment</b>                 |
| <b>Environ. Com.</b>         | <b>Twp. Bulletin Board</b> | <b>Farmland &amp; Open Space<br/>Preservation</b> |