

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2012 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The November 2012 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the October 9, 2012 Meeting were approved with no corrections/deletions/additions. There were no abstentions.

(M. Petrus/P. McGovern)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: Styrofoam Recycling requested by E. Johanson - to be discussed under New Business.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – November 2012 – The November 2012 Depot Day Report was distributed to members via e-mail prior to the meeting by P. McGovern. Approximately 36 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 25% full on Saturday and was 40% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 25% full on Saturday and 35% full on Monday. All signs were properly posted on Friday before the Depot. Very few contributions came in for EA School TerraCycle program. There was paper from the Municipal Building in the shed this month and it was put into the dumpster by Township employees on Monday AM. There was a container of bottles, cans and trash from the ball field, which needed to have contaminants sorted out. Once again, a small amount of plastic bags were found in the container dumpster on Sunday and two large Styrofoam pieces in the paper dumpster. They had to be fished out and discarded. Three businesses dropped off recycling materials: Rainbow Hill Farms, Ziegenfuss Drilling and Custom Home Improvements. This Depot occurred the Saturday after Hurricane Sandy hit on Monday, October 29, leaving most of the area out of power with many trees down and roads closed. Nancy Cunningham handed out an East Amwell Township Disaster Information and Assistance Flyer to Depot customers and asked them to share the information with their neighbors. Residents were appreciative of having the Depot – means of reaching out to the community – added a degree of normalcy.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus informed members that residents who participated in the Well Water Testing event still have not received their results. S. Katz stated that she had received her results. The Plant Exchange Day is still being discussed – one volunteer organizer dropped out. M. Petrus gave a brief synopsis of the C. Plunkett presentation – no shade tree ordinance, but valuable information provided by Mr. Plunkett – plans are in place for him to become part of the Public Outreach program of the Environmental Commission. The Commission is planning on having this information available at the Plant Exchange Day and also at the 2013 4-H Fair booth.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Mathews was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received. Township Committee has been advised of the Recycling Committee's request to

re-instate the East Amwell Township Newsletter. A new recording device has already been received for our use. S. Katz inquired about the continuation of the grit yard opening and it was suggested that she contact the Municipal Building office staff for exact information.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did not meet in October due to the fact that the County Building was converted to a Storm Shelter. November 20 is the next tentative meeting date. Meeting with the County Freeholders was also cancelled.

W. Harrison stated that he is still overseeing the recycling at Clawson Park. He reports that too much garbage is being found for normal park usage. Gates are now being left open at all hours due to the request of law enforcement and he fears that someone is using the park as a garbage drop-off. He will be reporting these facts to T. Matheny shortly.

E Other

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. INVOICES - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Letter from S. K. Turner/Senator, 10/24/12, re: Recycling Tonnage Grant**
- B. E-mail message from S. Katz, 10/26/12, re: Grit Yard**
- C. E-mail message from P. McGovern, 11/1/12, re: Saturday's Depot**
- D. NJ.com article "Hunterdon County municipalities to receive state grant recycling"**
- E. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 10/14/12, re: Styrofoam**
- F. September 2012 Hunterdon County Report on Business Recycling**
- G. August 2012 Hunterdon County Report on Business Recycling**
- H. July 2012 Hunterdon County Report on Business Recycling**
- I. Various Minutes and Agendas**
- J. Resource Recycling Magazine – October 2012**
- R. Advertising postcard from GREEN – Ben Shaffer Associates**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP – J. Bradstreet was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received. S. Katz inquired if anyone had any suggestions that she could pass along to J. Bradstreet for next month. M. Petrus suggested an article on composting, perhaps an article during the spring season. E. Johanson stated that the Plant Exchange event might be a good timing for information on composting – endorsing what a valuable tool she found composting to be. M. Petrus suggested that the students might be a good source and E. Johanson suggested trying to reach out to gardeners. Other suggestions received: information on Styrofoam recycling, list of various recycling sources, update on grit yard opening, wrapping paper recycling – depot will take wrapping paper – no foil, Christmas tree disposal – take them to grit yard. E. Johanson asked members to think about a future food drive, perhaps attached to a Depot Day. W. Harrison stated that the Township Committee would have to give their approval for a food drive.

B. Styrofoam Recycling – E. Johanson presented an article/advertisement from a local paper indicating information on Styrofoam recycling in another community – Ray-Bob truck was present. She wondered if this would be a worthwhile venture to investigate. Members discussed stating that January/February 2013 might be an excellent time to provide Styrofoam recycling to our residents – holiday presents/boxes with Styrofoam packing. Short time period would make it difficult to get the word out to all. E. Johanson and P. McGovern will investigate and report back to the members. VIP and the school e-mail system to parents might be used to publicize this event.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No public present.

X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – P. McGovern suggested a Recycling Newsletter – listing all pertinent dates of upcoming events - one that residents could perhaps post on the refrigerator. J. Corboy indicated that approval must be received from the Township Committee before this Committee could issue a newsletter. M. Petrus stated that the school students/e-mail to parents might be a way to reach out to all residents. P. McGovern proposed that all important dates be decided on in time to publicize them on a list for the August Tax Bill mailings. M. Petrus suggested a calendar from August of one year to August of the next year with important dated indicated and then on the reverse side indicate the recycling rules and regulations, and perhaps a list of recycling sources/sites outside of normal recycling.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 PM.

(M. Petrus/S. Katz)

Respectfully submitted by

**Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator**

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

ABSENT: M. Dessel, J. Bradstreet, E. Sailer, T. Mathews

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

NEXT MEETING: December 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