

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The February 2012 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:36 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

W. Harrison welcomed guests: Joe Runk and his son, Wes. Wes Runk is considering becoming a Junior Member of the Recycling Committee. He also welcomed new member, Pamela McGovern.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the January 10, 2012 Reorganizational Meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention. (J. Bradstreet/M. Dessel)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – No new additions were added to the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – February 2012 – The February 2012 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by M. Petrus. 73 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 40% full on Saturday and was 95% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 35% full on Saturday and 70% full on Monday. A small amount of labels was collected for East Amwell School TerraCycle program. Five bags of office paper from inside the shed, cardboard and a container of plastics outside were moved to the dumpsters. Volunteers cheerfully removed many caps from containers. At 6:45 AM on Monday, the dumpster had a large bag of white plastic bags, two eight-foot lengths of plastic tubing, and forty or fifty ten-foot lengths of insulation stripped from cables – all of which were removed. Ideas brainstormed during the morning included VIP article about removing caps, a large sign about removing caps – made of caps by the students; leaving the rolling steps out until Monday in order to dumpster-dive more easily; a bulletin board near the Municipal Building listing where and when various items can be recycled. Depot Day list of volunteer leaders needs to be updated.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus was absent this evening. Secretary informed members that the Environmental Commission held its reorganizational meeting in January 2012. M. Petrus was elected Chairperson, to be approved by the Township Committee. Guest, Richard Ginman of the Farmland and Open Space Committee, was present to obtain support for a grant application – trail preparation and preservation in the Omick area. Various group assignments were also given and/or agreed upon.

C. Township Committee Report – **P. Cregar** was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received.

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did not meet in January. Their Reorganizational Meeting will be held on 2/21/12.

E. Other - No other reports were received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2012 Recycling Committee Goals – Members reviewed the revised 2012 Goals. Motion was made by M. Dessel to accept the goals as presented this evening. J. Bradstreet seconded the

motion and all were in favor. Secretary will distribute the 2012 Goals to the various boards and committees.

VI. INVOICES - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. List of 2012 Township Committee Liaisons
- B. E-mail message from Good Will Industries, 1/18/12, re: Confirmation of Clean-Up Day
- C. E-mail message from W. Harrison, 1/18/12, re: requesting confirmation of above
- D. Various Minutes and Agendas
- E. Resource Recycling Magazine – January 2012, February 2012
- F. Flyer from Clear Span Fabric Structures
- G. Flyer from Rutgers – Courses for Recycling & Solid Waste Professionals

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP – J. Bradstreet mentioned that he received several compliments on the battery article, prepared by W. Harrison, that appeared in the last VIP issue. He is currently preparing an article on composting for the next issue. P. McGovern suggested that an article be done on “removing caps” from bottles/containers.

IX. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Guest, J. Runk, inquired how are the TerraCycle recyclables collected at the Depot transported to the school. He also mentioned the garbage and recycling practices of West Amwell Township, in relation to reducing the Raritan Valley Waste Disposal charges.

X. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE– Secretary reported that she recently received a phone call from Waste Management expressing an interest in bidding on the contract for garbage/ recycling collection for the Municipal Building, et al. It was suggested that they contact the CFO, Ms. Monzo, for the date of the next contract negotiations. Secretary was also informed by Raritan Valley Waste Disposal that all business recycling done through them in the Township is now reported on the main recycling tonnage report supplied to this secretary. New member, P. McGovern, inquired about the procedures for Clean-Up Day.

XI. ADJOURNMENT – 8:20 PM.

(J. Bradstreet/M. Dessel)

Respectfully submitted by

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Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Dessel, J. Bradstreet, P. McGovern
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary
Guests: Joe Runk, Wes Runk

ABSENT: S. Katz, E. Sailer, M. Petrus, E. Johanson, P. Cregar

NOTE: These minutes have not been formally approved by the Recycling Committee. They will be reviewed at their March 13, 2012 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 13, 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