

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

JULY 9, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:39 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the June 11, 2013 Business Meeting were approved with no correction/deletions/additions. There was one abstention. (J. Bradstreet/S. Katz)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – 2014 Schedule - to be discussed under New Business – requested by S. Katz.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – July 2013 – The July 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by W. Harrison. Approximately 44 vehicles were serviced. There were no contaminants in either dumpster. The cardboard dumpster was 60% full on Saturday and was 85% full on Sunday. The plastic dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and was 80 % full on Sunday. There were very heavy bags of containers collected from the ball fields during the June tournament. Upon checking the bags, it was found that many bottles still had liquid in them. Volunteers dumped the liquid out. There were a lot of corrugated boxes, also from the baseball people, stored outside. Most were knocked down and flattened, but not all. Volunteers took care of the rest. No paper was collected from the Municipal Building this month. There are now several bags of TerraCycle materials being stored in the shed and waiting for delivery to the school. W. Harrison commented that there were fewer attendees, but more recyclables were collected. List of volunteers was also updated. Appreciation to all who brought and/or donated umbrellas – greatly needed with the extreme heat.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus informed members that the Environmental Commission Site Review Committee is planning dates and times for site visits to a couple of properties with conservation easements. T. Robbi and J. Angelone are working with others on the clearing of trails on the Omick property. He also informed members that he visited the Antique Fair held at the County Fair Grounds property and found that they did not recycle. He did manage to speak to the 4-H Coordinator and made arrangements for assistance on the days of the Fair. He will also be attending the 4-H Fair Planning Meeting in the near future.

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

D. SWAC Report – The SWAC meeting was canceled this month.

E. Other – S. Katz stated that E. Johanson made the suggestion that wine corks be collected at the Depots. Members discussed and decided that they would give it a try, even though it has been reported that most wine bottlers are moving to some other type of closures for their wine bottles. M. Petrus made the motion that genuine wine corks be collected at Depot Days and S. Katz seconded the motion. Vote was unanimously in favor. Trial period will be from September till after Christmas 2013.

M. Petrus read an interesting article he found recently about the collection of rigid plastic caps. The Neshanic Garden Club will collect them and take them to the Aveda Store in Bridgewater Commons, who in turn, will send them to be processed into usable packaging for their products. Members discussed and again decided to give it a try. S. Katz made the motion to collect rigid plastic caps and M. Petrus seconded the motion. All were in favor. J. Bradstreet volunteered to contact the Neshanic Garden Club and/or Aveda to investigate their procedures and report back to this committee.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Articles for the VIP** - Suggested subjects: more detailed information on the October Depot special collections – heavy metals to be collected and usable furniture and clothing. Also, wine corks and rigid plastic caps to be collected starting in September

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Note from the Env. Com., 7/1/13, re: 4-H Fair – August 2013 – Volunteers Needed
- B. Various Minutes and Agendas
- C. Resource Recycling Magazine – June 2013

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Schedule for 2014 – S. Katz suggested that a preliminary recycling schedule be made up for 2014. Members discussed and suggested the following items: March – mailing of the Newsletter, April – Clean-Up Day (4th. or the last Saturday of the month), June – tax bill mailing, October – heavy metals and used clothing, furniture collection (depending on the results of this October Depot Day). The subject of a holding another paper shredding event was discussed, but was tabled for future discussions.

VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present.

IX. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – M. Petrus and W. Harrison both reported that they will not be in attendance at the September 2013 meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:35 PM.

(J. Bradstreet/M. Petrus)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

ABSENT: M. Dessel, E. Johanson, T. Mathews

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their September 10, 2013 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: September 10, 2013 - 7:30 PM

PLEASE NOTE: THE AUGUST 2013 MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELED DUE TO THE SPECIAL ELECTION.

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