

## EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

### RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:31 P. M. by S. Katz, Vice-Chairperson.

**II. MINUTES** - Minutes of the July 9, 2013 Business Meeting were approved with no correction/deletions/additions. There was one abstention. (M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

**III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – Harvest Fest Recycling – requested by E. Johanson – to be discussed under New Business.

#### IV. REPORTS

**A. Depot Report** – August 2013 – The August 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by J. Bradstreet. Approximately 54 vehicles were serviced. There were no contaminants in either dumpster. The cardboard dumpster was 30% full on Saturday and was 80% full on Monday. The plastic dumpster was 25% full on Saturday and was 75 % full on Monday. Plastic bags were found in the container dumpster on Sunday evening - most were fished out. This practice continues even though there is a large sign next to the dumpster stating “no plastic bags.” A number of items were received for TerraCycle. The donated umbrella would not stay open, so therefore another one is being sought. E. Johanson stated that she might have one available. No copies of the VIP were distributed at this Depot. The difficulty in obtaining volunteers was discussed and S. Katz suggested that one person be responsible for the calling while another person actually supervises the Depot. J. Bradstreet suggested that volunteers be obtained months in advance.

This topic will be discussed at future meetings when the Chairperson returns.

Depot Report – September 2013 – The September 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by S. Katz. The cardboard dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and 60% full on late Sunday afternoon. The plastic dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and 50 % full on late Sunday afternoon. Approximately 1/3 barrel of TerraCycle items were collected. Bottle caps – 15% of a container and approximately 20 CDs were collected.

Recycling from the sports fields was collected and amounted to approximately half a can. It had to be sorted from their garbage containers because no recycling cans were available. There were recycling cans on the fields. There was no recycling can next to the building and S. Katz put one there after sorting out their garbage can. Dumpsters were placed so that the doors were in the opposite direction than usual. Raritan Valley Waste Disposal was notified of this error. Approximately 40 copies of the VIP were distributed and greatly appreciated by the recipients.

**B. Environmental Commission Report** – M. Petrus was absent from the last Environmental Commission meeting. Thus, he had no report to give. E. Johanson briefly reviewed the recycling practices at the 4-H Fair – problems of assistance were encountered on the last day, as well as insufficient number of recycling containers and the dumpsters being filled to capacity. E. Johanson mentioned that they did use some plastic bags with holders for recycling. A.

Johnson was present and observed the situation. He suggested that the Recycling Committee draft a letter with suggestions on how recycling should be carried out at any event held on the County Fair Grounds. Secretary informed members that the Trails Project (clearing the trails) is progressing with official work to begin on September 15, 2013.

**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 e-mail a message that there was no meeting held in August. Next SWAC meeting is scheduled for September.

**E. Other** – No other reports received.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Articles for the VIP** - Suggested subjects: more detailed information on the October Depot special collections – scrap metals to be collected and usable clothing – no furniture will be collected. Also, provide information on what organizations recycle what objects.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Hunterdon County Hazardous Waste Clean-Up Day – November 9, 2013

B. List of acceptable items to be collected by HomeFront at the October 5 Depot Day.

C. E-Mail Messages from S. Katz, 8/21/13, re: DonJon Prohibited Materials

D. E-Mail Messages from W. Harrison, 8/28/13, re; Waste Hauler (new contract)

E. Various Minutes and Agendas

F. Resource Recycling Magazine – July, August, September 2013

G. Alert Graphics 2013 Fall Catalog

H. Brochure from On-Site Organics Management

I. Rutgers Brochure: Compost Operator and Recycling Certifications Programs

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. E-Mail Message from Paul Bryant, 8/14/13, re: Verizon Electronic Recycling Members discussed – information provided in e-mail about a recycling program carried out by Verizon and requesting that this information be provided to East Amwell Township residents via the website. M. Petrus made the motion that we post the Verizon e-mail address on the Township's website. J. Bradstreet seconded that motion and all were in favor. Secretary will forward this information to T. Stahl and request that it be added to the Recycling page on the website.

B. Harvest Fest Recycling – E. Johanson stated that she attended the Fest and did not observe any recycling. She would like to discuss how to go about getting them to recycle. Members discussed briefly and decided to wait until a future meeting when more members were present.

**VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** – None present.

**IX. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – S. Katz suggested that this Committee obtain a list of all events held at the County Fair Grounds, the Fire House, and Unionville Vineyards for discussion at the next meeting.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 PM.**

(M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy  
Recycling Coordinator

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

**ABSENT:** W. Harrison, M. Dessel, T. Mathews

**NOTE:** These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their October 8, 2013 meeting.

**NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2013 - 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