

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 14, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The May 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:34 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the April 9, 2013 Business Meeting were approved with no correction/deletions/additions. There were no abstentions. (M. Petrus/S. Katz)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – No additions to the agenda.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – May 2013 – The May 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by S. Katz. 69 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and was 90% full on Sunday. A substantial amount of cardboard boxes were collected because of the Paper Shredding Event. The plastic dumpster was 30% full on Saturday and was 40 % full on Sunday. Approximately a half of a barrel was collected for TerraCycle. A half of a brown paper bag was collected of CDs and cases. One small bag of egg cartons was collected. Only one can from AVLBL, the baseball league, was recycled. M. Petrus separated the garbage out of it. Because of all of the activity happening and the tournament beginning at 10:00 AM, it was not possible to check the rest of the cans. The Paper Shredding event with Assure Shred went well with no problems. Forty-five residents participated – no non-residents came. The truck collected about 3860 lbs. – 1.93 tons. According to the owner of Assure Shred, D. Lentine, follow-up events in a community usually result in increased participation. It is suggested that if this event is repeated in the future, neighboring townships be invited to join. Only problem would be how to split up the tonnage amounts for reporting. The Sourland Mountain tour bus pick-up was scheduled for 9:00 AM in front of the Municipal Building. All participants parked in the alternate lot, so the bus moved there. At 10:00 AM, the AVBLB tournament began, which brought in additional traffic. Even with all of these activities happening, all went smoothly thanks to the great volunteers who worked superbly. The Amwell Valley Business Association collected \$110.00 for its scholarship fund. There were a couple of residents who inquired about having the grit yard opened for longer periods of time, however, the Township Committee stated that currently it will only be opened during the hours of the Depot. Members discussed having a repeat of the Paper Shredding event, perhaps, next year. S. Katz stated that she received an inquire from the Hopewell Green Team asking if the Township would be interested in participating in a Styrofoam recycling event in the Fall – not possible because of liability insurance reasons. They also inquired about collecting video tapes this summer.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus informed members that the Plant Exchange Day at Clawson Park was a complete success. They collected \$172, which will be turned over to the Township General Fund. Approximately 1400 tickets were utilized. He also informed members that Rutgers University Honors Program has an intern program in environmental science and that he responded requesting an intern to start work in the Fall. The intern will survey streams for debris and report back to the Environmental Commission. The

Environmental Commission is planning on having a Stream Clean-Up event the week prior to the Roadside Clean-Up Day. That way debris can be collected and left at specific sites along the roadways to be collected by the participants of Roadside Clean-Up.

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

D. SWAC Report – SWAC did meet on April 30, 2013. No Freeholders attended the meeting. Not much business was discussed that would affect East Amwell Township. Various events were discussed and there was a lengthy discussion on the County Recycling Website.

(<http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling.html>) W. Harrison noted that there are very few recycling events listed on the website. Recycling booklets will be delivered to all municipalities to be handed out to those who don't use the internet. A. Johnson reported on the recent Municipal Recycling Coordinators Meeting and the recent Electronic Clean-Up Day. Both events are considered to be successful.

The next Hazardous Waste Day is July 13 and the next County Electronics Collection will be on October 12. SWAC will probably not meet in June.

E. Other – No other reports received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP - Suggested subjects: video tapes and CDs – recycling to take place during June – July – August. Also, a request for more volunteers and/or members should be mentioned again.

B. Clean-Up Day Report – Approximately 63 (23 advanced sales and 40 paid at Depot) residents participated – several came more than once. The actual tally amount reported was \$1,024. Two compactors were utilized for waste (both full) and one 30-yd. dumpster quite full of heavy metal and one 10-yd. roll-off overloaded with tires. Twelve tires were accepted at Clean-Up Day and the rest were gathered from the roadsides. Goodwill Industries sent a tractor-trailer this year which was 75% full. Goodwill Industries and Raritan Valley Disposal were both on time with no problems. Baseball participants were asked to park in the small lot and they did with no problems. Appreciation was expressed to the Road Crew, M. Dessel, E. Johanson and J. Bradstreet.

C. Paper-Shredding Event Report – previously discussed under Depot Report.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from S. K. Turner, 5/9/13, re: Clean Communities Grant 2013 - \$13,557.42

B. E-Mail message from W. Harrison, 4/27/13, re: Clean-Up Day Report

C. E-Mail message from S. Katz, 4/22/13, re: May Paper Shredding Event

D. E-Mail message from M. Petrus, 4/22/13, re: Styrofoam Recycling

E. Letter from J. Scott, 4/16/13, re: Performance Tire Co. – drop-off container...

F. Various Minutes and Agendas

G. Resource Recycling Magazine – April 2013

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present.

IX. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – M. Petrus stated that he would like to pursue the venture of having a volunteer picnic at Clawson Park this summer and wondered if the members had any objections. They did not. He will investigate donations, perhaps from Shop-Rite, and report back to the members. He also would like to investigate having a field trip with the students of East Amwell School to a recycling facility.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:35 PM. (M. Petrus/J. Bradstreet)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

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

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

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their June 11, 2013 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: June 11, 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