

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 11, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The June 2013 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 May 14, 2013 Business Meeting were approved with no correction/deletions/additions. There was one abstention. (S. Katz/J. Bradstreet)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA –

A. Tax Bill Mailing Insertions - Discussion: W. Harrison informed members that Good Will Industries will not be able to attend the October Depot Day. S. Katz investigated other sources and found Homefront Mission out of Trenton. Their work involves taking care of homeless people and they collect useable furniture, clothing and food. Earlier this year, members voted to invite Don Jon to the October Depot Day to collect heavy metals (free). They can also collect electronics, however, there is a \$100 charge for this service. Members discussed and decided at this time not to collect electronics, since there are other choices for this service in Hunterdon County. Electronics can be disposed of at the County level and also at Clean-Up Day in April. S. Katz made the motion that Homefront and Don Jon (heavy metals only) be invited to the October Depot Day. Motion was seconded by T. Mathews and all were in favor. S. Katz provided all information to P. Dymek for insertion into the tax bill mailings.

B. August Meeting Date – Special Elections: T. Stahl recently informed the Recycling Committee that there may be a special election held on August 13, 2013. Members must decide to move their meeting date or cancel the meeting. W. Harrison suggested Wednesday of the next week. However, this is the week of the 4-H Fair. Members discussed and decided to cancel the meeting. T. Mathews made the motion to cancel the August meeting and a second was received from J. Bradstreet. All were in favor.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – June 2013 – The June 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members prior to the meeting via e-mail by E. Johanson. 50 vehicles were serviced. Dumpsters were clean. The cardboard dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and was 75% full on Sunday. The plastic dumpster was 50% full on Saturday and was 75 % full on Sunday. Approximately 20 Styrofoam egg cartons were collected and E. Johanson delivered them to ADECO for recycling. The recycling cans from the ballparks were brought to the dumpsters by ballpark attendees. W. Harrison suggested that members consider having a barrel/drum adjacent to the dumpsters for plastic bags. E. Johanson made a few suggestions in her Depot Day Report. Hopewell Green Team is starting a program to honor local businesses that are making efforts to recycle and/or institute other “green practices.” She suggested that this Committee do something similar. She also suggested that the Committee either purchase a patio umbrella or ask for a donation of a used one, perhaps in the VIP. Her last suggestion was that this Committee should pursue the recycling of Styrofoam – several Depot Day attendees inquired about this recycling opportunity. T. Mathews suggested that scout leaders be contacted about having scouts volunteer at Depot Days and perhaps, even at the 4-H Fair. Recycling badges could be earned in this way.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus was absent this evening. Thus, no report was received. J. Corboy informed members that the Environmental Commission had a brief meeting where the major discussion was publicity for the ANJEC grant for trail building – information for insertion in the tax bill mailings.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Mathews informed members that the major discussion at the Township Committee meetings has been the introductions of the 2013 budgets. The public hearing and probable adoption of the budgets is scheduled for June 13. It is anticipated that there will be a municipal tax increase for all – estimated at 2.4%. The CFO has stated that the Township is under budgeted for legal fees. Also, it is anticipated that there will be a new addition to the Office of Public Works (road crew). A 2% salary increase for all staff is also being planned. W. Harrison reminded T. Mathews of discussions they had earlier this year about shared services-municipal special improvement district. T. Mathews stated that he will check his notes to see what was done on this topic – topic was to be discussed with Township Attorney. T. Mathews stated that the Township Committee agenda format was re-arranged in order to save attorney fees.

D. SWAC Report – No SWAC meeting was held this month.

The next Hazardous Waste Day is July 13 and the next County Electronics Collection will be on October 12.

E. Other – No other reports received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP - Suggested subjects: request for a donation of patio umbrella and stand, more detailed information on the October Depot special collections.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Various e-mail correspondence, re: Solid Waste & Recycling Quotes - New Contract

B. Various e-mail correspondence, re: Tax Bill Mailing Insertion

C. E-Mail message from S. Pena 5/20/13, re: recycling at public areas, ballparks, etc.

D. Various Minutes and Agendas

E. Resource Recycling Magazine – May 2013

F. Advertisement Brochures from Monarch Decals

G. Advertisement Postcard from B. Shaffer & Associates

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – None present.

IX. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – No comments received.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 PM.

(J. Bradstreet/T. Mathews)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, S. Katz, J. Bradstreet, E. Johanson, T. Mathews
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: M. Dessel, M. Petrus

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their July 9, 2013 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2013 - 7:30 PM

cc: Rec. Com. Members
Recreation Com.
Environ. Com.

Board of Health
Planning Board
Twp. Bulletin Board

Twp. Committee & Clerk
Zoning Board of Adjustment
Farmland & Open Space Preservation