

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2013 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The November 2013 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:31 P. M. by W. Harrison, Chairperson.

Prospective new member, Mr. Pippin Folk, was present and he was welcomed by all. He has been interviewed by the Township Committee and is awaiting their approval.

II. MINUTES - Minutes of the October 8, 2013 Business Meeting were approved with no additions/corrections. There were no abstentions. (M. Petrus/T. Mathews)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – None requested.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – November 2013 – The November 2013 Depot Day Report was distributed to members at the meeting by M. Petrus. Approximately 53 vehicles were serviced. The cardboard dumpster was 25% full on Saturday and was 75% full on Monday morning. The plastic dumpster was 15% full on Saturday and was removed before it could be checked on Monday. A small amount of TerraCycle items was collected. M. Petrus informed members that M. Dessel volunteered to be the designated call person to obtain volunteers for each Depot.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission is considering a Stream Clean-Up Day in the Spring of 2014 – trying to coordinate it with Roadside Clean-Up Day. Raritan Headwaters Association is holding a County-wide stream clean-up day on April 19, 2014. Also, FOSPC is considering holding another “Green Fest” Day on April 5. Give-back amounts from the 2013 budgets were discussed. A contact has been made with the Invasive Strike Force and she is willing to speak at an upcoming Environmental Commission meeting. Hearing on the Hess Corporation application at the Board of Adjustment meeting has been postponed until their November 2013 meeting. M. Petrus reported that T. Mathews has made progress with the Committee’s request to hold another Styrofoam recycling in 2014. It is hoped that the Road Crew will be able to transport the Styrofoam with a Township truck on Monday following the Depot Day.

C. Township Committee Report – T. Mathews reported that a new Chief Financial Officer has been hired – Mr. A. Feinberg. He also stated that he requested information on the renewal contract with Raritan Valley Waste Disposal concerning the metal dumpster charges at Clean-Up Day, but has not heard back yet. E. Johanson stated that she made inquiries with other metal recycling companies to find out how they conducted metals recycling in other townships. Most of them leave a dumpster on site for a length of time – security would be an issue. T. Mathews reiterated that he is awaiting an answer from T. Matheny concerning the possibility of the Road Crew transporting the Styrofoam with a Township truck.

D. SWAC Report – W. Harrison informed members that SWAC met on October 29, 2013 with a quorum present. Once again, there was little business discussed that will affect East Amwell. He distributed information to SWAC members on the bottle cap recycling done by Aveda Cosmetics stores and supplied their website information. M. Petrus reported that he has already delivered a supply of caps to Aveda collected at the Depot Days. SWAC held a discussion about the possible closure next year of the County Transfer Station. Even though SWAC approved the plan to allow increased recycling at the Republic Industries (RVD) plant on River Road in Raritan Township, there are still arguments between the company, the State and Raritan Township regarding traffic patterns to and from the facility. W. Harrison encouraged members to check out the Hunterdon County Recycling Website.

SWAC's next meeting will probably be February 2014.

E. Other – No other reports received.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Articles for the VIP – J. Bradstreet was absent this evening. Thus, no information was supplied. W. Harrison stated that he might consider an article on composting. Also, if the issue on transporting Styrofoam is settled, this might be a topic for a future VIP article.

B. 2014 Recycling Calendar – S. Katz was absent this evening. Thus, there was no further discussion on this topic. M. Petrus stated that he has not yet checked with the Fair Grounds Committee to obtain their 2014 calendar of events.

C. Letter to A. Johnson, re: Recycling Procedures at Fair Grounds – E. Johanson stated that she and M. Petrus are still working on this letter. W. Harrison might have some input.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. E-mail Message from E.Johanson, 10/1/13, re: Business contact for metals collection

B. E-Mail Message from S. Katz, 10/10/13, re: Designated caller of volunteers

C. Various Minutes and Agendas.

D. Resource Recycling Magazine – October 2013

E. Informational Brochure from ART – American Recycling Technologies, Inc.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Guest, P. Folk left earlier in the evening.

IX. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – No comments received.

X. ADJOURNMENT – 8:15 PM.

(M. Petrus/E. Johanson)

Respectfully submitted by

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Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, E. Johanson, T. Mathews,
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary. Guest: P. Folk

ABSENT: M. Dessel, S. Katz, J. Bradstreet

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

NEXT MEETING: December 10, 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