

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 10, 2009 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The November 2009 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:32 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the October 13, 2009 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions. There was one abstention. (M. Petrus/S. Katz)

III. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA – No additions to tonight’s agenda were received.

IV. REPORTS

A. Depot Report – November 2009 – The November 2009 Depot Day was canceled

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission approved their 2010 budget requests, asking for extra funds for a possible 2010 Spring Newsletter and Salt Monitoring project. There was a brief discussion on whether the newsletter should go out over the internet. Also members discussed whether the expenses for the newsletter should be split between the two committees each year if there is only one newsletter. Members asked secretary to send a inquiry to Jane Luhrs, CFO about this issue.

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

D. Internet Recycling Prices – No report was received.

E. SWAC Report – SWAC report was e-mailed to all prior to the meeting tonight. W. Harrison informed members that the SWAC Committee sent a letter to the Freeholders in March 2009 asking for cooperation in a number of areas promoting recycling in the County. No response was received. A follow-up letter was sent in June, again with no response. A recent letter was sent asking to be placed on the December 1, 2009 Freeholders meeting. No confirmation has been received. Members will attend anyway. W. Harrison asked anyone interested to attend also. The recent County electronics collection day count was down from previous events noting that televisions were reduced the most. The next Hazardous Waste Day will be held on November 14, 2009. There was a brief discussion concerning the Director’s Meeting held on October 14, 2009. S. Katz and J. Corboy attended that meeting. Meeting materials were shared with T. Stahl. The shared services costs charged to each municipality was discussed, noting that this expense will eat into our recycling grant monies, in that the amount charged to each municipality is based on what we receive from the tonnage grant. There will be no regular SWAC meeting held in November or December, however, all SWAC members are urged to attend the December 1 Freeholders meeting and we may hold a "caucus" meeting at that time.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – K. Martin was absent this evening. Thus no report was received. W. Harrison informed members that the January 1, 2010 deadline has been extended.

B. Recycling at the Ball Fields – S. Katz reported that she has sent a letter to the soccer

chairperson, the concessions leader, etc., notifying them of the recycling procedures and what is recyclable. There was a brief discussion of exactly how many recycling containers are available and whether we need to purchase additional containers. M. Petrus inquired whether we could purchase containers through Hunterdon County Waste Authority, since they purchased a number of containers for use at the 4-H Fair. W. Harrison stated that their only problem with those containers was that the recycling labels would not stay affixed to them. Members briefly discussed means of attaching these labels. M. Petrus promised to check the Fire House field for the lost containers. W. Harrison suggested that this item be removed from the agenda until April 2010.

D. Recycling Education – S. Katz reported that the M. Petrus article was sent to the VIP and the December article will be on the economics of recycling. S. Katz informed members that she has made up a list of possible future articles for 2010. Members reviewed her ideas. W. Harrison stated that in the 2010, it might be necessary to write articles on the new recycling ordinance, informing residents of the new rules and regulations. She also inquired again about a Letter to the Editor article to be sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, stating that this might have to be a different type of article. M. Petrus suggested that information be sent to the Democrat about a phase of recycling, such as recycling at the 4-H Fair, and allow the writers at the newspaper to compose an article.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Several responses to the Letter sent to East Amwell Township Businesses
- B. Appropriation Account Summary – 1/1/09 – 11/1/09
- C. Various Minutes and Agendas
- D. Resource Recycling Magazine – October 2009

VIII. NEW BUSINESS -

A. 2010 Budget Requests – Members reviewed the current budget in regard to their needs for the year 2010. Discussion occurred again about the Newsletter with the discussion about sharing the expenses. W. Harrison informed members that prior to tonight's meeting, he sent an e-mail message to Jane Luhrs inquiring about holding Depot Day once a month. As of tonight's meeting, no response has been received. W. Harrison called for a motion to return to monthly Depot Days in 2010. M. Petrus made the motion and it was seconded by S. Katz. All were in favor. Members discussed and decided to request the same budget amounts as in 2009. Motion was made by M. Petrus and it was seconded by J. Corboy. The vote was unanimously in favor. Secretary will submit the 2010 budget requests to J. Luhrs.

B. Connor Smith – Prospective Youth Member: Connor Smith was present this evening as a guest along with his parents, Mark & Maureen Smith. He is considering joining the Recycling Committee as a youth member for the year 2010. W. Harrison gave a brief explanation of how the Committee works and their responsibilities, such as, maintaining and running Depot Day

once a month, public education concerning recycling, recycling at Clawson Park, etc. He explained that the youth member acts as a liaison between East Amwell School and the Recycling Committee. It also is an excellent source for community service so often asked for on college applications. He told Connor about recent recycling contests held at the school and recycling information supplied on the morning announcements. M. Petrus stated that it would be helpful if the youth member could supply students to help at the 4-H Fair. Brief discussion occurred with any questions that he had. If he is interested in the position, he was asked to contact J. Corboy, who will in turn, inform T. Stahl.

IX. Open to the Public – No public present.

X. Open to the Committee – W. Harrison informed members that there will be a new procedure in the collection of batteries collected at Depot Days. A. Johnson/Hunterdon County Utilities Authority has informed us that he will now have a crew pick up the containers of batteries on a regular basis here at the Municipal Building. They will also leave additional containers.

XI. Adjournment – 9:15 PM.

(M. Petrus/J. Corboy)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, S. Katz, C. Smith (guest)
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: M. Dessel, K. Martin, M. DiDonato, T. Martin, M. Ammann

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their December 8, 2009 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: December 8, 2009 - 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