

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 2009 Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee was called to order officially at 7:30 P. M. by Will Harrison, Chairperson.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the August 11, 2009 business meeting were approved with no corrections/additions.

There were two abstentions.

(M. Petrus/K. Martin)

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

A. Depot Report – September 2009 – The September Depot Day was not held. M. Dessel was present this evening and briefly discussed the August Depot Day. He made the suggestion that we might consider having Depot Day every other month because of the possible cost savings. Members discussed the pros and cons briefly and postponed further discussion till the end of the year.

B. Environmental Commission Report – M. Petrus reported that the Environmental Commission was not held due to a lack of quorum. Discussion was held concerning plans for the 4-H Fair.

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

D. Internet Recycling Prices – K. Martin submitted this month’s Internet Recycling Prices report via e-mail prior to tonight’s meeting. All prices are down, except for glass which has remained the same. In comparison to 2008, prices fell considerably. K. Martin reported that American Metal Market has made the announcement that they will discontinue the publication of Recycling Manager effective December 31, 2009. Thus, another site will have to be found in order to report prices in the future.

E. SWAC Report – W. Harrison stated that he still does not know if there will be a meeting in September.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recycling Ordinance Sub-Committee – Update – K. Martin informed members that comments have been received back from the legal advisors. These comments were sent to members on September 9, 2009 via e-mail. Minor changes were made in the language of the model ordinance on which this ordinance is based. Section 120-22 was deleted because it is covered by section 120-13. Section 120-23 was deleted because much of it repeats the provisions of earlier sections. W. Harrison stated that it is now up to the Township Committee to accept the draft ordinance as it was received from legal counsel. He called for a motion to accept the draft ordinance as it was received from legal counsel. M. Petrus made the motion and S. Katz seconded it. The vote was unanimously in favor.

B. Recycling at the 4-H Fair – M. Petrus distributed two reports: Report on Recycling at the 2009 4-H Fair & Report on the Environmental/Recycling/Stormwater Booth at the 2009 4-H Fair. A small amount of recyclables were collected – 10 cu. yd. dumpster was approximately 45 – 50% full. Attendance was down because of the weather. Higher amounts of recyclables could

be anticipated next year if the weather is better. Vendors had more to recycle – some set 1 and 5 gallon containers apart and many left cardboard on top of the recycling containers. The County placed 24 recycling containers around the site. Some vendors had containers of used cooking oil to recycle. Discussion followed and it was decided that we are not equipped to handle it. M. Petrus also offered a list of recommendations for 2010. He suggested that a planning meeting be held in May with representatives from each group participating. W. Harrison suggested that volunteers be contacted from the Depot Day Volunteer list for booth duty. He also suggested that a list of what will be recycled be given to all vendors when they sign their contract. It was also suggested that easier questions be made up. W. Harrison expressed his appreciation to M. Petrus for spearheading this project and for doing an excellent job. M. Petrus stated that it was good to have the Recycling Committee's support and enthusiasm for this venture.

C. Recycling at the Ball Fields - W. Harrison stated that the recycling containers are in place on the ball fields. He will collect the recyclables and place them in the storage shed. Secretary stated that J. Luhrs responded concerning purchasing more recycling containers - further discussion will be held in October

D. Recycling Education – S. Katz reported that the first article on recycling was printed in the VIP in a prominent position. She hopes to compose the second article on the economics of recycling for the October issue and M. Petrus will be preparing an article for November. There was some discussion on contacting the Democrat for publicity.

VI. Invoices - None received.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Letter from W. G. Dressel/NJLM, Jr., 8/14/09, re: 2009 League Conference Resolution

B. Memorandum from A. Johnson/Hunt. Co. Utilities Authority, 8/19/09, re: Hazardous Waste Collection – Saturday, November 14, 2009

C. Various Minutes and Agendas

D. Resource Recycling Magazine – August 2009

E. Alert Graphics – 2009 Fall Catalog

F. Keep America Beautiful Specialty Products Office Catalog - 2009

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - Secretary distributed a draft letter that will be sent to businesses in East Amwell Township. Members reviewed. W. Harrison suggested that we enclose a form to be returned to the Township indicating the following: who is your trash hauler, who is your recycling hauler, and what do you presently recycle. He also suggested adding food waste to the list of current recyclables. Letters will not be sent to cemeteries. Members were asked to submit any names of businesses that they might come across. Secretary will try to maintain an up-to-date list.

IX. Open to the Public – Keith Ammann was present at this evening's meeting in order to inform the Committee that his son, Matt Ammann will no longer be able to continue as a youth member of the Recycling Committee. School work was cited as the reason. Township Clerk will have to be notified. K. Ammann inquired about youth members for the coming year.

Previously, M. Petrus distributed a list of East Amwell School students who might be interested in joining the Recycling Committee. List will be forwarded to Mr. Ammann for follow-up. W. Harrison inquired if K. Ammann would consider becoming a member of the Recycling Committee. He promised to give it consideration.

X. Open to the Committee – W. Harrison informed members that he will not be present at the October meeting.

XI. Adjournment – 8:35 PM.

(M. Dessel/M. DiDonato)

Respectfully submitted by

Joyce S. Corboy
Recycling Coordinator

PRESENT: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, K. Martin, S. Katz, M.DiDonato, M. Dessel,
J. Corboy, Coordinator/Secretary

ABSENT: T. Martin, M. Ammann

NOTE: These minutes have been formally approved by the Recycling Committee at their October 13, 2009 meeting.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2009 - 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