

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 RE-ORGANIZATION BUSINESS MEETING
 January 9, 2018- TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

7:34 p.m.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, it is announced that this is a Regular Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee, as published in the January 18, 2018 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

ATTENDANCE:

2018 ATTENDANCE

Recycling Committee Member	1/9/18	2/13/18	3/13/18	4/10/18	5/8/18	6/12/18	7/10/18	8/14/18	9/11/18	10/9/18	11/13/18	12/11/18
Will Harrison	X											
Alison Castellano	X											
Ron O'Reilly												
Erica Johanson	X											
Tom Rue	X											
Mark Gunn												
Kevin Ostrander												

Others present: Secretary Maria Prendamano, Youth Members: None Present

Committee skipped to item IV. Election of Officers & Reading of the Resolution – M. Prendamano called for nominations for Chairperson of the Recycling Committee. A. Casetellano nominated W. Harrison and this nomination was seconded by E. Johanson. M. Prendamano hearing no other nominations, called for a vote. All members voted unanimously in favor of W. Harrison as Chairperson of the Recycling Committee.

M. Prendamano called for nominations for Vice Chairperson. W. Harrison nominated A. Castellano. This nomination was seconded by E. Johanson. Hearing no other nominations, M. Prendamano called for a vote. All members voted unanimously in favor of A. Castellano for Vice Chairperson.

M. Prendamano read the following:

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE
 RESOLUTION 01-18**

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BE IT RESOLVED, by the Recycling Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that during 2018, the Recycling Committee will hold regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

All regular meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time, in the small public meeting room of the East Amwell Township Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all items to be considered for the agenda shall be presented to the Recycling Committee Secretary no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the Hunterdon County Democrat.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE: _____, 2018

Maria Prendamano, Secretary

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E. Johanson made a motion to approve the Recycling Resolution for 2018 that was seconded by A. Castellano. All members voted unanimously in favor of approving the Resolution.

MINUTES

The minutes from the December 12, 2017 meeting were presented. T. Rue made a motion to approve the December 12, 2017 meeting minutes that was seconded by A. Castellano. All members voted unanimously in favor of approving the minutes from the December 12, 2017.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

Youth Report None.

Depot Report –January 2018 W. Harrison reported that there were 65 cars. It was freezing. The paper container was 105% full on Sunday and the plastics/glass container was 80%. Some Styrofoam was collected. A. Castellano offered to pick up the new sign skin from Crown Trophy. W. Harrison noted that the dumpsters were not opened and stuck shut. They had to be opened with a hammer. He wondered if the electric could be hooked up to use the baseboard heat during a depot. A lot of paper was collected. T. Rue noted that the Foam Palace is still unlocked. M. Prendamano will ask J. Silverthorne to install a lock that the Recycling Committee would purchase. She will also inquire about the large clear bags for Styrofoam.

Environmental Commission Report: T. Rue reported that the Commission did not meet in December.

Township Committee Update: K. Ostrander was not present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP The list of acceptable items will be featured in the VIP once W. Harrison makes certain it is correct.

Styrofoam- T. Rue reported that there is probably another load of Styrofoam in the building.

INVOICES – M. Prendamano presented an invoice for \$94.78 for the canopy that was previously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE – Various minutes and agendas from other committees and boards; Resource Recycling Magazine; Al’s Appliance Collection; W. Harrison will investigate the feasibility of Al’s Appliance hosting a collection in the town.

NEW BUSINESS –

2017 Goals – M. Prendamano will forward last year’s goals to members for their review. Members will be prepared to discuss next month. E. Johanson mentioned that she would like to see recycling at the school

enhanced. A. Castellano will speak to the principal about containers. She added that perhaps one of the goals of the committee could involve a remedy for Styrofoam trays at the school. T. Rue reported that the Styrogenie costs \$12,000. M. Prendamano asked it might be best to find out how much a cardboard tray would impact the cost of lunch. The time and effort it might take to stack, collect and load the trays into the machine might not be practical. A. Castellano offered to look into it.

Clean-up day 2018 – The committee discussed the coming event and decided to host the event on April 28th from 8 a.m to noon. W. Harrison suggested getting one more packer for the event and the committee agreed that after the volume collected last year that it would be a good idea. T. Rue stated that he would be present for the duration of the event.

Spring Newsletter – A. Castellano reported that she will be revamping the township website. This will include social media as well in an effort to reach the maximum amount of residents. They have also discussed posting podcasts of the meetings. She said our committee needs to think about what we want on the website. M. Prendamano said she could put the information in the Spring Newsletter and hopefully residents would subscribe to the township’s website. The newsletter usually goes to print by the end of February – beginning of March. A. Castellano stated she would make every effort to have things ready for the time of print.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – None present.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE: M. Prendamano took a moment to announce her resignation. She stated that she recently received an offer for full time employment with the school and felt that with the new job, children and family, she would not be able to continue in her current position. She expressed her heartfelt regrets and stated she would stay on until a replacement was secured. Also, she would volunteer and stay active in the committee. W. Harrison expressed his gratitude.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by E. Johanson and was seconded by A. Castellano, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8: p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

CC: Rec. Com. Members Board of Health Twp. Committee & Clerk
Recreation Com. Planning Board Zoning Board of Adjustment
Environmental Com. Twp. Bulletin Board Farmland/Open Space Preservation