

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 BUSINESS MEETING
 March 13, 2018- TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

7:37 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	X	X									
Alison Castellano	X	X	X									
Ron O'Reilly		X	X									
Erica Johanson	X		X									
Tom Rue	X	X	X									
Mark Gunn		X	X									
Kevin Ostrander		X										

Others present: Secretary Maria Prendamano, Youth Members: None present;; Public: None

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES – The minutes from the February 13, 2018 business meeting were put forward for approval. T. Rue made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by A. Castellano. All members voted unanimously in favor of accepting the February minutes with one abstention from E. Johanson. W. Harrison noted a few spelling corrections to be made.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

Youth Report No youth present to report.

Depot Report –March 2018 As per T. Rue, both dumpsters were in good working order. It was a windy day. He reported that 54 cars and 4 commercial vehicles utilized the depot. By Sunday, the Plastics container was 50% full while the paper one was 90% full. He thanked O. Ostrander, L. Kathiari and their moms for all of their work sorting TerraCycle. He also thanked M. Gunn and K. Ostrander for helping out. He collected two large bags of Styrofoam.

T. Rue noted that he had to close the plastics dumpster to prevent debris from blowing away. He also thought that co-mingling provides a small problem when trying to estimate.

T. Rue gave a copy of the shed key to M. Gunn as they could not find an extra copy in the satchel. W. Harrison will make a few more copies of the key. He also had several copies of keys to the foam palace which is now locked. The single key opens both doors. W. Harrison gave a copy of the key to the foam palace to A. Castellano, R. O'Reilly, T. Rue, M. Gunn and one extra for the satchel.

A. Castellano reported that she spoke with several fifth grade volunteers and they are working on recruiting other students to sort TerraCycle at the depots. They've created a flyer that they will hand out.

Township Committee Update: No representative present.

Environmental Commission Report: T. Rue reported that the Environmental Commission did re-organize and that D. Kellogg was again voted in as Chairperson. The vote for Vice-chair was tabled until the next meeting as they decided to wait for new membership to be in attendance. The Commission did discuss their priorities. Also, the Commission's presence at the Color Run was discussed. D. Kellogg will be in touch with A. Castellano. He added that there is a meeting on 3-19 at the County Complex to discuss the purchase of two properties with regard to the Higgins tract of land. He invited any members interested to attend.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP W. Harrison thought it would be a good idea to feature the Spring Clean-up Day. M. Prendamano will advise new secretary, Rosemary Georgett of same.

Styrofoam- This item was inadvertently skipped.

Spring Clean-up - R. O'Reilly, T. Rue and M. Gunn offered to assist W. Harrison for the Spring Clean-up. W. Harrison stated that he will be there at 7:30 a.m. He will also communicate our needs to C. Santo to make certain that we have three packers for the event along with two dumpsters, one for tires and one for metals. M. Prendamano will do the requisition for the refreshments for the Roadside Clean-up.

Styrofoam – T. Rue reported that there is still some Styrofoam that needs to be bagged. M. Prendamano will check the order of plastic bags.

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INVOICES – M. Prendamano noted that there were no invoices at this time.

NEW BUSINESS –

2018 Goals – R. O'Reilly asked if the township was in an agreement with the Tree removal company that parks trucks in the lot. He said it slightly affects the traffic flow of the depot. K. Ostrander did not know for sure, but would check.

The committee discussed the 2017 Goals. There was discussion about recycling at the 4H fair which is a huge endeavor. T. Rue participated with Mike Petrus last year as did W. Harrison. The committee decided that they would continue the effort. M. Prendamano added that she applied for a grant for recycling bins for the school. She requested more than was needed with the understanding that the overflow would go to the township. The bins have a small opening for cans which would help prevent contamination. R. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the Recycling Committee Goals for 2018 that was seconded by M. Gunn. All members were in favor of approving the goals.

K. Ostrander needed to excuse himself to get O. Ostrander home. A. Castellano wanted to speak about an idea she had before he left. She explained that to her knowledge there is no recycling container in the cafeteria at the school. She presented a container to the principal, John Capuano, who thought it would be too big. She has never seen one in the cafeteria. M. Prendamano noted that there is one under the table where the utensils are.

A. Castellano noted that there is not container in the classroom that she uses for her daughters Girl Scout meeting. She thought that she could have the youth members inventory the school and decipher which rooms need containers. She thought that the Environmental Club could take the project on. She thought the recycling committee could fund the containers. W. Harrison suggested counting the classrooms and putting one in every classroom so that each classroom gets a new container. A. Castellano added that the office did not have a recycling container. R. O'Reilly thought it appropriate for the Recycling Committee to write a letter to the school. A. Castellano thought the Girl Scouts could take it on to work toward a patch. She could go with a proposal to the school. K. Olander offered to speak to his daughters troop leader. W. Harrison said to speak to the principal and let him know what we are thinking. R. O'Reilly thought that a formal invitation was necessary as it applies to our goals. R. O'Reilly made a motion to invite the school to participate in this project. Motion was seconded by T. Rue. All members were in favor of the proposal.

Clean-up day 2018 –This item was inadvertently skipped.

Spring Newsletter – This item was discussed previously.

Roadside Clean-up – A. Castellano noted that she was contacted by Lois Wozniak about the refreshments for the event. She asked if the PTO would co-host the event and ask for donations for the refreshments. A. Castellano thought since the cost was less than \$200 she did not want to waste one of the PTO's lives. R. O'Reilly noted that the purpose was to have a nice hand clasping between PTO and the committee. M. Prendamano will do the requisition for the refreshments for the clean-up day.

M. Prendamano asked to discuss the Spring Clean-up. She wanted to know if we should put something in the newsletter about the size or length of items. W. Harrison will ask RVD that question to clarify. T. Rue and R. O'Reilly will be there to help.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Frances Gavigan was present from the public and offered to volunteer to fill in anytime.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE: A. Castellano wanted to add the website to the agenda. M. Prendamano thought perhaps under 'Old Business' since it has been discussed. She wanted committee members to take a look at Hopewell Township's website as a model. She wants to change all of the links. She would like ideas from this committee as to what they would like to see.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by R. O'Reilly that was seconded by M. Gunn, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett
Recycling Committee Coordinator

CC: Rec. Com. Members
Recreation Com.

Board of Health
Planning Board

Twp. Committee & Clerk
Zoning Board of Adjustment

Environmental Com.

Twp. Bulletin Board

Farmland/Open Space Preservation