

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING
 April 9, 2019 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Recycling Committee was called to order at 7:31 PM on April 9, 2019 in the Small Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ by W. Harrison.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this was a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Annual Meeting Notice as published in the December 20, 2018 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. A copy of the agenda was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, filed in the Township Clerk’s Office, and posted on the Bulletin Board on March 5, 2019.

2019 ATTENDANCE (X- present; E – excused; A – absent)

Recycling Committee Member	1/08/19	2/27/19	3/12/19	4/09/19	5/14/19	6/11/19	7/09/19	8/13/19	9/10/19	10/08/19	11/12/19	12/10/19
Will Harrison	X	X	X	X								
Alison Castellano	X	X	E	X								
Ron O’Reilly	X	A	A	A								
Erica Johanson	X*	E	X*	X*								
Tom Rue	E	X	X	X								
Mark Gunn	X	X	A	E								
Chantal Napoleon	E	A	X	X								
Kevin Ostrander	A	X	A	A								

*Others present: Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett *virtual attendance*

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Seeing no members of the public present **T. Rue made a motion that was seconded by A. Castellano to close to the public. All members carried unanimously with no objections or abstentions.**

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting were put forward and **A. Castellano made a motion that was seconded by T. Rue to accept the minutes with minor edits. All members carried unanimously with no objections or abstentions.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

REPORTS -

Youth Report: O. Ostrander was not present to report.

Depot Report: April 2019 – W. Harrison provided a written report and said we must continue to get the report out that after hours you can co-mingle. There was discussion regarding the continued need to educate individuals on how to best prepare materials before putting them into the dumpster, and what are acceptable materials. W. Harrison said the hand rail to the foam palace door needs to be repaired, and R. Georgett will place a request with DPW to do so. C. Napoleon agreed to lead a future Depot. E. Johanson confirmed that zip lock bags are accepted for TREX and unfortunately a number were recycled.

DEPOT LEAD ASSIGNMENTS

February 2, 2019	M. Gunn	Reported at February 12 meeting
March 2, 2019	T. Rue	Reported at March 12 meeting
April 6, 2019	W. Harrison	Reported at April 9 meeting
May 4, 2019	K. Ostrander	
June 11, 2019	T. Rue	
July 6, 2019	M. Gunn	

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

Environmental Commission Report: T. Rue said he did not attend the last meeting pending reappointment and so there are no updates. W. Harrison asked R. Georgett to follow up regarding Oath of Office for T. Rue’s membership on the Recycling Committee and confirm if the EC has appointed a Recycling Committee liaison.

Styrofoam Recycling: T. Rue said there are no updates and it has slowed down.

TREX Recycling: E. Johanson said we are at or over 400 lbs for the DPW bench. Kirkpatrick Church has received their bench, and the next bench will be for Living Waters Church followed by The Grange. A. Castellano said that there is a subpage on the website for TREX and it is updated.

OLD BUSINESS -

Ordinance 19-02 – Depot charge for Trucks, Tires: R. Georgett said that the Ordinance has been submitted for Introduction by Township Committee and the related Fee Ordinance has been submitted as well. A. Castellano said that Mayor Wolfe was concerned about being able to increase the charge for trailers this year because the Ordinance changes had not been confirmed. W. Harrison confirmed that no changes will be made this year.

Spring Clean Up: A. Castellano asked if committee member would be attending, and both C. Napoleon and T. Rue confirmed they would be coming. W. Harrison said that with three or four members participating to help, there would be plenty of help. R. Georgett said that the Prosecutors Office has requested set up for drug drop off during Clean Up, and the Committee agreed to do so. A. Castellano said that she will advertise this and took a copy of the flier. A. Castellano will also be coordinating clothing collection for the school. W. Harrison said he will arrive around 7:30 a.m. C. Napoleon asked if we are accepting electronics and it was confirmed that we are except for old TVs.

Road Side Clean Up: R. Georgett said that volunteers are signing up, equipment will be inventoried, dumpsters have been ordered and we did not have email addresses for all former volunteers, so only those on the Recycling Volunteer list have been contacted. R. Georgett confirmed that she is handling back office/administrative work and T. Rue and M. Petrus will be ‘boots on the ground’.

Spring Postcard: A. Castellano and R. Georgett need to do this and will follow up. W. Harrison asked if Crown Trophy is collecting trophies because there are many of them in the Foam Palace, and if not we will donate them to Good Will during the Clean-up. W. Harrison will call Crown Trophy to follow up.

Bale Twine: C. Napoleon said that Tractor Supply does not accept it. She will continue to follow up.

Foam Palace: W. Harrison said that replacing or repairing the Foam Palace is not something we need to address now. There was discussion that it works for the purpose at this time, and we don’t

need to spend grant money on this. Keep this on the agenda and if the Committee decides not to replace it, we should repaint. A. Castellano said the girl scouts may be able to come and paint a design on it.

Recycle Coach: R. Georgett said this has been uploaded to our website and was sent out with the agenda. She asked the committee to go into the app through our website and review information by drilling down to identify any errors or omissions. She continued by providing an example where she drilled down on glass bottle collection, and it didn't mention our Depot but instead referred to Hunterdon County collection. A. Castellano asked if TREX and TerraCycle was added and R. Georgett said yet.

VIP/Website Articles and Content: A. Castellano said we could submit an article on zero waste box and set a size for the bottle caps. She will send a few lines to R. Georgett. We could also do a reminder about after hours co-mingling and C. Napoleon will prepare something and send it to R. Georgett.

Color Run: E. Johanson said she will be taking care of the table and sent R. Georgett material for a few fliers about reducing plastic waste. Give away items which are reusable bags are in the basement. A. Castellano said they are trying to get Terra Cycle to come and if not A. Castellano said she get information about them from Sharon Ernst.

Zero Waste Boxes through TerraCycle: A. Castellano said there is no guidance provided on what size caps can be put into the box we purchased and recommended that we set our own size requirements. She continued to explain that caps which are too small fall out in the sorting process to into trash, while caps that are too large take up a lot of space. W. Harrison said we could get another box and if caps are covered under clean communities grant funds that would be a good idea. There was discussion regarding the purchasing process and if we order 6 boxes in a year that would be the \$1,000 requirement to set up an account with Terra Cycle. A. Castellano said purchasing a zero waste box for wires/cables would be great, and R. Georgett said that would not be covered under Clean Communities because it is not considered trash. C. Napoleon said that she believes Best Buy takes cell phone cords, wire and other items but there is not one locally.

W. Harrison said to keep this agenda item active to see what other boxes to purchase.

Delaware River Clean Up Event: Table to next month meeting.

INVOICES: None

CORRESPONDENCE – No comment.

NEW BUSINESS – None

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OPEN TO COMMITTEE – T. Rue asked if we know what RV does with our recyclables and no one knew. It was recommended that we go visit their site again to find out. W. Harrison asked R. Georgett to have C. Santo obtain an update on what RV does with our recycling including what do they do with it?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by T. Rue which was seconded by A. Castellano and carried unanimously with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator