

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
April 10, 2018 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE 7:34 P.M.

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Recycling Committee was called to order at 7:34PM on April 10, 2018 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 January 18, 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 April 4, 2018.

**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		X								

*Others present: Substitute Secretary, Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk, Youth Members: Olivia Ostrander,
Erica Johanson by Speaker Phone

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The minutes from the March 13, 2018 meeting were put forward. R. O'Reilly made a motion to accept the minutes that was seconded by T. Rue. All members voted unanimously in favor of accepting the March minutes.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None

REPORTS -

Youth Report: O. Ostrander reported briefly about the recycling at East Amwell School. She mentioned that all of the classrooms in the school have recycling bins. A. Castellano asked if O. Ostrander went to all the classrooms. O. Ostrander said she asked Ms. Ernst and she replied that recycling bins are in all of the classrooms. A. Castellano remarked that the office doesn't have a recycling container by the copier. All the waste paper from the copier goes in the garbage can. She wasn't sure about the other copier room and at least two other classrooms that she's been in have no recycling containers. K. Ostrander suggested a room by room check at the school. A. Castellano and O. Ostrander will follow through on the suggestion

Depot Report: April 2018 - M. Gunn remarked that it was a cold and blustery day. Both dumpsters were in good shape. When M. Gunn went back to the Municipal parking lot on Sunday to close the dumpsters there was a gentleman there standing on top of the paper dumpster pounding it down. He told M. Gunn that you can't co-mingle recyclables and M. Gunn pointed to the sign that you can co-

mingle. On Sunday the paper dumpster was 10% overfull. The plastic dumpster had some room in it; so M. Gunn pulled paper from the one dumpster and placed it in the plastic dumpster to even them out. Both dumpsters were full to the top at 100%. W. Harrison commented that it was good that there were two dumpsters at the Depot. A. Castellano mentioned that it was an extra busy day. M. Gunn reported that 67 cars and 3 commercial vehicles utilized the Depot.

There were 21 Terracycle drop-offs. They were attended by B. Harding, her daughter Penelope and her friend Michaela Holly.

Thirty five VIP's were distributed.

There was a small amount of Styrofoam.

M. Gunn thanked E. Johanson for picking up items that had blown out of the dumpsters.

E. Johanson asked if the dumpsters could point the other way in the parking lot because the recycling items seem to blow out of the dumpsters. W. Harrison explained that the dumpsters are situated that way because of the rain. The dumpsters are built with no drains and would fill up with water. T. Rue mentioned that the back door needs to be closed to keep recycling items from blowing out.

Township Committee Update: K. Ostrander reported that the Township Committee will be purchasing a new vehicle for the DPW. The Recycling surplus could be used for 25% of the cost of the truck. Once they get the actual cost for the truck the Township Committee will give the Recycling Committee the details. The balance of the cost of the truck will come from the standard surplus from the broader budget. There will be a resolution for the budget at the Township Committee meeting on Thursday, April 12. K. Ostrander said the budget won't impact the Recycling Committee. W. Harrison mentioned most of their funding comes from Grants.

W. Harrison asked committee members if they had keys to the shed and foam palace. He will make keys for those members who need them.

Environmental Commission Report: T. Rue reported that the Commission will work on two major elements that need to get done this year. First are the Conservation easements which will primarily be done by T. Rue. D. Kellogg will use Google sky watch to determine which easements should be inspected. He doesn't know what determines which easements should be inspected. The Committee asked questions about the criteria on inspecting the easements. T. Rue stated that a letter will be mailed to the residents whose easements will be inspected. The intentions are not to bring retribution to the residents or penalties; but to bring it to their attention if they are doing something incorrectly so changes can be made. W. Harrison suggested carrying information from the State when doing inspections. The Environmental Commission will also be looking into Stormwater Management this year. This has not been reviewed in a long time and the regulations have changed. T. Rue added that J. Edwards and L. Davis are new members to the Environmental Commission. L. Davis was elected vice-chairwoman.

T. Rue suggested that members of the Environmental Commission should check out the Hopewell website.

Other: A. Castellano had an email from P. Wang-Iverson about the new Trail Commission. They are looking for volunteers for the new commission. They are acquiring materials to build a kiosk at the beginning of the Rocky Brook Trail. She asked A. Castellano to reach out to the school and the Recreation Committee for volunteers to help clear the trails. The Ringoes Boy Scout Troop will be building the kiosk.

OLD BUSINESS -

Articles for the VIP: W. Harrison asked if there were any articles in the works that should be forwarded to R. Georgette for the May VIP. W. Harrison will contact R. Georgette.

Styrofoam: T. Rue stated there is not a full truckload of Styrofoam in the building.

Spring Clean-up day: W. Harrison mentioned there is a lot of fun going on this month; Spring Clean-up day and Roadside Clean-up. R. O'Reilly said there are a few volunteers to date. M. Gunn asked about the expectations of Roadside Clean-up. R. O'Reilly explained the procedure. You get a grabber and two bags. After collecting the trash and recyclables you are to place the items that you collected in the two dumpsters located in the parking lot at the Municipal building. You are rewarded with a sandwich, chips and coke for your hard work.

W. Harrison spoke with C. Santo about having the tree trimming trucks moved from the parking lot. P. Dymek replied that J. Silverthorn will handle this situation. She will remind J. Silverthorn to speak to the gentlemen about moving their trucks that are parked in the lot for Roadside Clean-up and Spring Clean-up day.

W. Harrison also noted that the County will have a drug collection site available for residents on April 28 at Clean-up day for old medications.

W. Harrison will be at Spring Clean-up day at 7:15am. He asked who would be volunteering on that day and remarked that it's not a heavy work load. T. Rue, M. Gunn and R. O'Reilly will be there to help. J. Silverthorn and or his crew will be at the Township before 7:15am. W. Harrison said C. Santo spoke to a representative at RVD Republic about the time the dumpsters needed to be dropped off. W. Harrison told her no later than 7:30am. She wanted to know the exact time. RVD Republic wants a Township representative available for the dumpster drop off.

T. Rue asked W. Harrison if he found out about the length of wood that would be accepted on Clean-up day. W. Harrison responded that the construction wood should be no thicker than 6 inches and no panels or sticks longer than 4 feet. He also asked P. Dymek to let residents know who come in for permits about the new regulations for construction wood. She will also make a sign for the size limits on the wood for the office.

W. Harrison made mention that Good Will and the County with their drug collection will be available to residents on Spring Clean-up day. A. Castellano felt an article should go in the VIP letting residents know of the drug drop off locations in our area. E. Johanson suggested that the locations for drug drop offs should be put on the East Amwell website. A. Castellano will put the drug drop off locations on the website along with the wood requirements.

Township Website: A. Castellano mentioned that an ordinance for the Website Committee should be adopted at the Township Committee meeting on April 12.

IVOICES - W. Harrison questioned the Shop Rite bill in the amount of \$253.23 for the food and beverages for Roadside Clean-up. He asked how do we know what the amount will be before the event happens. R. O'Reilly said that the amount was based on what was paid last year. His understanding is that Shop Rite would be donating the items this year. W. Harrison said the other invoice is for Central Printing for the Spring newsletter for \$437.25. T. Rue made a motion to approve both invoices that was seconded by A. Castellano and approved by all members for payment.

CORRESPONDENCE - None

NEW BUSINESS -

Updating the Volunteer List: W. Harrison mentioned that we failed to update the volunteer list last year. Our intentions were to call everybody on the list to see if they were still interested in volunteering. W. Harrison will contact R. Georgette before the next meeting to get her opinion on how to go about updating the volunteer list. W. Harrison remarked that we should try to call residents on the list once every year or two. T. Rue suggested each member get a list of names to call.

A.Castellano spoke about the garbage and recycling cans that were purchased and never used. They are about to be used. Flemington Raritan Baseball has applied to use the ball fields fairly consistently through the season. An outside entity, an adult church softball league asked to use one of the fields as their home ground. Both groups will work with each other as to when the fields will be used. Soccer (SCSL) is ongoing that use the fields every year. A. Castellano mentioned that the cans will need to be rolled out onto the fields where we think they should be located. She added that whatever sporting group is on the fields the garbage and recycling is part of their cleanup routine and they know that. Chris Thompson who is requesting the fields for FRB is fully aware of everything that needs to be done and is conscientious about garbage and recycling. She said that Chris Thompson will be using the T3 field and at least one of the larger fields most of the time. The church league will use the T2 field twice a week every week. The soccer leagues always come and go. W. Harrison pointed out that there are printed regulations for the trash and recycling cans for the use of fields in the Municipal office. The office staff is to give out the regulations for the trash and recycling when people come in for the Use of Field application. He reiterated by saying that there needs to be a responsible person with every group that uses the fields. The groups need to bring the recycling can to the gray shed and then take an empty can back to the field. This is so we don't have to go chasing around the fields. If all of the recycling cans are brought back to the gray shed all that needs to be done on Depot day is check the containers and drag them down to the dumpsters. A. Castellano voiced her concerns about the trash cans because it always seems to her the trash cans get rolled up to the shed and are left there. W. Harrison said the trash cans should be dumped into the Municipal dumpster. There is always a dumpster available for the athletic people to dispose of their trash. There is not always a recycling container available, so that's where members of the Recycling Committee come in. W. Harrison said the Municipal Fields regulations need to be enforced.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – No public present.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE - W. Harrison asked the members who would be available to volunteer at future Depot days.

May 5, K. Ostrander/ June 2, T. Rue/ July 7, W. Harrison/August 4, R. O'Reilly/
September 1, M. Gunn/ October 6, T. Rue

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Gunn that was seconded by A. Castellano, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Pamela Dymek, Deputy Clerk

CC: Rec. Com. Members
Recreation Com.
Environmental Com.

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