

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 BUSINESS MEETING
 June 12, 2018 - 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 7:34 PM on June 12, 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 June 5, 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	X	X	X						
Alison Castellano	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Ron O’Reilly		X	X	X	X	X						
Erica Johanson	X	A	X	x*	x*	X						
Tom Rue	X	X	X	X	X	X						
Mark Gunn		X	X	X	X	E						
Kevin Ostrander		X	A	X	X	A						

Others present: Recycling Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: None present.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The minutes from the May 8, 2018 meeting were put forward. A. Castellano made a motion to accept the minutes with minor edits that was seconded by T. Rue. All members voted unanimously in favor of accepting the May minutes.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – A. Castellano requested additions under:

X. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pet Waste Stations for Clawson Park from Clean Communities grant fund.
- B. Color Run for the school
- C. Reminder to vote for TerraCycle

REPORTS -

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

Depot Report: June 2018 – T. Rue distributed a written report and stated that M. Gunn couldn’t attend. R. O’Reilly attended and was a great help. The paper was 80% full, plastic 50% full, and Styrofoam is beginning to accumulate. A. Castellano asked if there were children attending for TerraCycle, and T. Rue responded no. W. Harrison stated that we should keep the TerraCycle separate and it will be collected by school. E. Johanson will cover July 7th Depot for W. Harrison, who will cover Depot again later in the year. W. Harrison stated that Suzanne Parsons has been given

permission to use our recycling containers for the Sourland Music Festival and has also volunteered to help with the July Depot.

W. Harrison may not make the next monthly Recycling Committee meeting, and if not A. Castellano will step in the lead.

DEPOT LEAD ASSIGNMENTS

May 5, 2018	K. Ostrander	Reported at May 8 th meeting
June 2, 2018	T. Rue	Reported at June 12 th meeting
July 7, 2018	E. Johanson	
August 4, 2018	R. O'Reilly	
September 1, 2018	M. Gunn	
October 6, 2018	T. Rue	

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

Environmental Commission Report: T. Rue stated there is a draft of the Easement letter to be sent to residents and the Township Committee has provided feedback. Appropriate edits to be more accommodating to scheduling for residents are made. T. Rue further reported that the Planning Board was going to manage the Environmental Resource Inventory, however there is a Statute and it needs to be done by the Planning Board. This has not been done since 1975, and so the Planning Board has requested resources and will begin the process.

Other/FOSPC: T. Rue reported that there is a list of three properties to be addressed by FOSPC, and R. Wolfe is working on this. W. Harrison thanked T. Rue for his commitment to both committees he represents.

OLD BUSINESS -

Styrofoam: see report under Depot

Township Website: A. Castellano stated work on the website will begin soon, and the first Website Committee meeting was held with live streaming capabilities tested. There will be live streaming of the Township Committee meeting going forward. A. Castellano said Matt Miller, a local resident with a lot of experience, saw the VIP article on this and has volunteered his services and equipment to manage live streaming at meetings. A. Castellano reported that the live streaming test went very well, there will be test run at the June Township Committee meeting, and then incorporated going forward.

E. Johanson said the new website is a great opportunity for Recycling Committee. A Castellano said during a future meeting we will identify someone from Recycling Committee to update our section of the website. There will be an upgrade to the wifi so the new capabilities can be utilized. E. Johanson said they are looking for testers to come and help as we test new capabilities, help navigate the website easily, etc. and invited individuals to volunteer.

Spring Clean-Up Day Rules: W. Harrison said we had guidelines which can be edited, tabled this to a future meeting, and keep on the agenda until resolve. E. Johanson said we can also use the new website capabilities to educate the public about Clean Up Day next year.

Recycling Volunteer List: E. Johanson said we should distribute the existing list and at the next meeting discuss it. W. Harrison stated in his opinion there are volunteers who want to help. There was further discussion and it was agreed that at the end of August R. Georgett will send out an email to those on the existing list asking if they are interested in volunteering with a focus on assistance at

the Depot. A. Castellano will provide information and a link for Depot sign up by date through the “genius” system. W. Harrison asked that we have this updated by October.

W. Harrison also asked committee members to ask people they know who are enthusiastic about Recycling to consider joining the committee.

INVOICES: none

CORRESPONDENCE –

NJ DEP and Municipal Recycling Challenges: Tabled to the next meeting to see if there are opportunities to learn from other municipalities regarding communications and in particular for our website. W. Harrison asked all members to review this material before the next meeting and be prepared with suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pet Waste Station and Water Fountains for Clawson Park from Clean Communities grant funds. A. Castellano asked what was used when we had pet waste containers in Clawson Park and W. Harrison stated they were old trash cans. A. Castellano said the Parks and Recreation Committee is looking into installing four pet waste containers at each corner of the park, and having the waste collected by DPW. A. Castellano and M. Gunn distributed flier showing the pet waste containers recommended for purchase.

There was some discussion regarding these contained and A. Castellano requested approval from the Recycling Committee to use Clean Communities Grant Funds to cover the cost of purchasing these containers. R. O’Reilly motioned the purchase of four pet waste containers for Clawson Park and E. Johanson seconded. W. Harrison stated that we expect Clean Communities Grant to cover the purchase & maintenance. All members voted unanimously in favor with none opposed.

Color Run. A. Castellano said Color Run is an event by the School PTO with runners on the school property and around a loop, where colors are thrown on runners. It’s a fun event they are looking to expand this year beyond the school by incorporating Green Fest which has been run for a few years. A. Castellano said she has connected with both FOSPC and Parks & Rec, and would like to have Recycling committee present at an East Amwell Township table for this September 29, 2018 event as well.

R. O’Reilly said we should decide to sponsor and do so in an identifiable way. There was discussion regarding having a give-away item with a recycling message/theme or donating a bottle of color powder, and investigating use of clean communities grant funds to cover the cost. Ideas for a give-away items were shared - such as: name tags; DVDs that explain how Recycling works; an app about TerraCycle; something to educate around the key issues on recycling and the impact on wild life and the planet or our community. R. Georgett shared that there are significant funds in the clean communities grant and will look into how these funds can used for current expenses as well as new ideas.

E. Johanson suggested we invited Sharon Ernst from the school to a meeting where we could discuss ideas and collaborate on this. A. Castellano agreed to arrange this.

TerraCycle at the school – E. Johanson stated that there is an article on the VIP regarding the school in a competition and that everyone should vote. A. Castellano said we are currently in third place.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – No public was present. T. Rue made a motion to close to the Public which was seconded by A. Castellano and carried unanimously.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE – R O’Reilly asked about the process to get another committee member, and E. Johanson said Color Run could be a great outreach opportunity for this. R. O’Reilly asked if Environmental Commission is at capacity and T. Rue said he thinks so.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by T. Rue which was seconded by R. O’Reilly, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator

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

Board of Health
Planning Board Zoning
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Board of Adjustment
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