

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 11, 2014 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, it is announced that this is a regularly scheduled Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee, as published in the January 23, 2014 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

ROLL CALL:

Present: W. Harrison, P. Folk, S. Katz, M. Petrus, E. Johanson, T. Mathews, M. Prendamano

Absent: M. Dessel, R. O'Reilly, J. Bradstreet

MINUTES

Minutes of the January 14, 2014, business meeting were approved on a motion by Pippin Folk, seconded by S. Katz and carried with two abstentions, T. Mathews and M. Prendamano.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: W. Harrison added under New Business, Greenfest, April 5, 2014. S. Katz added Newsletter and Recycling Bin Grant.

REPORTS

Depot Report – January 2014: M. Petrus reported that the lock on the grit yard was in the open position. The lock needs to be compressed to open it. W. Harrison stated that the grit yard is being left unlocked. W. Harrison would like to ask DPW to please close the lock and make certain the combination is not showing. T. Mathews will address this issue at the Township Committee meeting.

Cord/Cable Swap M. Petrus announced that the public was told about the cable swap table. Two large bags plus were collected.

There are several large piles of road salt to the north of the dumpster area. He collected two buckets of salt left behind by the trucks and put them by the metal doors. On Sunday the container dumpster had large spool and flower pots, etc. Plastics that are scrap and left by well intentioned people. M. Dessel requested a copy of the calling list. It is ready and will be hand delivered to him by T. Mathews.

Environmental Commission Report: E. Johanson reported that the Commission discussed getting articles together for the Newsletter. It was a reorganization meeting where the committee members mainly introduced themselves. Nothing further to report.

Township Committee Update: T. Mathews discussed the revolving CFO. This is the fourth one that has been hired in two and a half years. He stated that our Municipality has had a problem finding a

CFO with the proper certification that is willing to stay. The lack of continuity is putting our township in a bad financial state of affairs. He stated that there continues to be outstanding audit items. He discussed some possible remedies, one of which is to outsource to an accounting firm. This may take a long time due to legislation. The job vacancy will most likely be posted. There was only one applicant the last time the job was posted. T. Mathews stated that punitive action that can be taken against the committee if the township fails to have a CFO. W. Harrison suggested pursuing sharing a CFO with other townships. T. Mathews brought up another option. It involves having an accounting firm do the actual work and finding a CFO act as an agent. The rigorous certification process is part of the problem. He also stated that we have a new auditing firm and we do not have a CFO. It impedes the progress of the auditing.

There was also been a discussion about information sharing with regard to draft minutes, ie: Facebook and on the web. Nothing further was reported.

SWAC Report: W. Harrison stated that the council has not yet met and he has not heard of an upcoming meeting. S. Katz has not received her conflict of interest form in the mail and her assignment as alternate must be confirmed with T. Stahl. W. Harrison stated that SWAC has to reorganize and that it probably will not do so until March because the process takes a long time for the information to get to the County offices.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: E. Johanson would like Styrofoam to be added to the VIP. W. Harrison suggested holding the Styrofoam until there is enough for a truckload. M. Petrus stated that the Styrofoam is being stored outside the shed in 5 or 6 foot bags. He also stated that cable swap should be added to the article. S. Katz would like to add that tax receipts are available for recycled items.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: W. Harrison stated that it has been suggested that the Styrofoam recycling be continued until April. M. Petrus stated that there have been peanuts among the collection. They need to be brought to the UPS.

Metals Recycling Update: E. Johanson declared that there is nothing new to report.

2014 Recycling Calendar: S. Katz stated that the calendar is in the Newsletter.

2014 Clean Up Day: W. Harrison has notified and received a confirmation from Goodwill Industries. M. Prendamano discussed that the letter to RVD addressed to Mr. Fulginiti was returned undeliverable. She corrected the address and resent the letter today.

Annual Newsletter: Committee members agreed that S. Katz did a wonderful job putting together the Annual Newsletter. S. Katz would like to start the Newsletter much earlier next year with M. Prendamano as the editor. E. Johanson stated that the recycling of the c.d.'s should be clarified. They will be collected separately during depot hours. T. Mathews suggested rewording it to read that they will be collected in a special receptacle. W. Harrison noted that plastic bottle caps need to be added. S. Katz discussed adding the 5K Run through History

fundraiser to benefit the restoration of the Clawson House. W. Harrison noted that plastic coated drink bottles, soup boxes and milk cartons are not deemed acceptable. The committee discussed the problem paying for postage and copies specifically, the fact that it cannot be expedited.

T. Mathews noted that the Newsletter could be sent electronically to members of the community that subscribe to updates from the township. T. Mathews also suggested obtaining sponsors to offset the cost of the Newsletter. W. Harrison questioned the legality. E. Johanson thought perhaps TeraCycle or RVD could contribute. This topic will be revisited next year.

Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds: E. Johanson suggested getting together with A. Johnson after the winter. This item will be discussed further next month.

Recycling Bin Grant: S. Katz and W. Harrison applied for a recycling bin grant from Dr. Pepper. The deadline was February 11, 2014. Our request was for 10 recycling bins to be placed in the Municipal Ball fields. We anticipate an answer in six weeks.

INVOICES – Purchase order for postage of Newsletter which was signed by S. Katz. M. Prendamano will submit.

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles. Letter to Mr. Fulginiti at RVD regarding Roadside Clean Up dates. Various agendas and minutes from other committees. Copy of the Dr. Pepper grant application. Tonnage reports. Copy of 2012-2013 goals.

NEW BUSINESS, CONTINUED

2014 Goals: E. Johanson suggested that M. Prendamano make an attempt to recruit youth members to the Committee. S. Katz stated that the youth members will be addressed early on in the meeting in order that they are not required to stay for the entire meeting. The recruits will be expected to volunteer at the depot. M. Petrus and W. Harrison suggested omitting ‘Monitor Recycling Practices’ at the school. Committee agreed.

Electronics recycling was moved as a line item under the bullet numbered 4. W. Harrison opened the discussion of topic 6. Enforcement. He stated that it is difficult to enforce this issue. Committee decided to keep it on the list of goals.

M. Prendamano will make agreed changes and present 2014 goals to committee members and T. Stahl.

GREEN FEST PARTICIPATION, Saturday April 5th W. Harrison stated that it will be held at the school. It is an event open to the entire community. It is a celebration of East Amwell’s history, the importance of maintaining the community’s rural environment and agriculture. E. Johanson suggested showing the video of the recycling process. W. Harrison has the video on a laptop. M. Prendamano will attempt to obtain a projector from the school to show this video.

E. Johanson would like to have a contest for children. She suggested an essay, “What recycling means to me”. As a prize, their work can be posted. T. Mathews suggested inviting the Scouts as there may be a badge associated with the event. M. Petrus will be putting together a display board. M. Petrus suggesting adding

pictures to the video display. E. Johanson would like to put pictures of the landfill. W. Harrison thought that perhaps this could be done next year as it would be a lot of work to pull together this year.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC There were no members from the public present.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by P. Folk. This Motion was seconded by T. Mathews, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – March 11, 2014 7:30 PM

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