

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 11, 2014 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

**7:46 p.m.**

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, R. O'Reilly, M. Prendamano

**Absent:** M. Dessel, J. Bradstreet, T. Mathews

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 11, 2014, business meeting were presented and W. Harrison suggested edits. Two edits were made to page two in the SWAC paragraph. Three edits were made to page three under the paragraphs included in the heading Annual Newsletter and one under the heading 2014 Goals. M. Petrus made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by E. Johanson. All members were in favor. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**REPORTS**

**Depot Report – February 2014:** M. Petrus reported that there were decreasing amounts of plastic and glass but still plenty of cardboard. He noted that there was scrap plastic in the container. M. Petrus also stated that Mark said he would make some new signs in an effort to identify containers. M. Didonato and E. Johanson were present. E. Johanson was able to defreeze the lock using a lighter. Styrofoam collection will be extended until May. M. Prendamano will let school families know via an email blast.

The dumpsters were difficult to close and lock. W. Harrison offered to contact RVD regarding this problem. M. Petrus noted that the shed door was blocked by ice. A new ramp to the shed is needed. S. Katz suggested that the new ramp have a more gradual incline. W. Harrison will ask T. Matheny if the road crew could construct a new one. E. Johanson suggested using sand paint on the ramp in an effort to make it less slippery.

M. Petrus volunteered to run the April Depot.

**Environmental Commission Report:** E. Johanson reported that the Commission discussed their participation in Green Fest. Also, there was talk about the new trail on Rocktown Road that is almost completed.

**Township Committee Update:** No member was present to report.

**SWAC Report:** W. Harrison stated that they have not met yet and he has not heard of an upcoming meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Articles for the VIP:** E. Johanson suggested that Styrofoam collection be included in the article. M. Petrus stated that the collection be extended until May. S. Katz will pass this information along to J. Bradstreet. M. Prendamano suggested that the Commission attempt to recruit a few youth members via the VIP.

**Styrofoam Recycling Update:** This collection will be extended through May, 2014.

**Metals Recycling Update:** There is nothing new to report. E. Johanson is planning a field trip to Frenchtown to see how they do their metal collection. P. Folk would like to accompany her.

**2014 Clean Up Day:** Saturday, April 26, 2014 is Spring Clean-Up Day. M. Petrus volunteered to be there. This item will be discussed further on next month's agenda.

**Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds:** E. Johanson stated that she is looking for the correct wording to be included in a letter to the County Freeholders that would address recycling procedures at the Fairgrounds. M. Petrus will look at the contact to be sure that recycling procedures are listed. There was an open discussion regarding the Committee's involvement in other events at the Fairgrounds. It was determined that the best way to proceed would be to go to the 4H Fair Committee. E. Johanson will draft a letter to the 4H Committee and the Freeholders for next month's meeting. W. Harrison suggested that the same letter be sent to both parties.

**Green Fest Participation:** April 5, 2014. W. Harrison stated that the Committee put together a display board. M. Petrus will put the board together. W. Harrison expressed that he would like to have a video presentation. M. Prendamano has spoken to Mr. Shuler at the East Amwell Township School. He will make a projector available. M. Prendamano will put W. Harrison in touch with Mr. Shuler. W. Harrison stated that he would like some members available to man the booth and answer questions. M. Petrus will be at the depot and unable to attend Green Fest. E. Johanson will be available to go between the depot and Green Fest. R. O'Reilly will transport the display board to the school.

**INVOICES** – Printing of Spring Newsletter \$476. P. Folk made a motion to pay the bill. The motion was seconded by R. O'Reilly. All members were in favor. Purchase order was signed by W. Harrison.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Various newsletters and articles. Various agendas and minutes from other committees. Letter from SAMR. Postcard from Clear Stream. Resource Recycling Magazine. Tonnage reports. Copy of 2013-2014 goals.

**NEW BUSINESS** None

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

**OPEN TO COMMITTEE** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

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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