

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

May 13, 2014 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

7:31 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, S. Katz, M. Petrus, E. Johanson, J. Bradstreet, M. Prendamano,

Absent: M. Dessel, T. Mathews , P. Folk , R. O'Reilly,

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 11, 2014, business meeting were presented. M. Petrus made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by E. Johanson. All members were in favor. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved with one abstention from J. Bradstreet. The printed notes from the April meeting stand as submitted by M. Prendamano.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: M. Petrus moved to open forum to the public with a second from S. Katz. All members were in favor of opening to the public. Members of the public present: Jenna Castellano, Lony Prendamano and A. Castellano. The children expressed a desire to become committee youth members. M. Prendamano will follow up with T. Stahl. Jenna Castellano and Lony Prendamano proceeded to present information they obtained from the school regarding the Styrofoam lunch trays. Approximately 1000 trays are used each week. The children are seeking to either find a way to recycle these trays or eliminate them from the school lunch program. They are researching recycling options and will follow up with the caterer to see if they might switch to heavy cardboard trays. They recommended the committee visit the website Home For Foam. The children presented a handout about a machine called StyroGenie that would melt the trays down into bricks that could then be recycled. Their goal is to find a solution to this problem by the end of the summer. J. Bradstreet moved to close to the public. E. Johanson seconded. The forum was unanimously closed to the public.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

REPORTS

Depot Report – May 2014: S. Katz reported that 50 residents showed up and the paper dumpster was 66% full on Saturday and 95% full on Sunday. The plastic and glass dumpster was 40% on Saturday and just a bit more on Sunday. She collected one full barrel of TerraCycle. Some CD's and egg cartons were dropped off. The weather was wonderful. W. Harrison, M.Petrus and R. O'Reilly transformed the garbage containers for the ball field. The ball field recyclables were not attended to in

the manner agreed. W. Harrison reached out to P. Fick regarding this issue. P. Fick then forwarded the email to the members of the athletic field. The committee proceeded to discuss options for better recycling. One of the solutions could be making presence at the kick off of the ball season. The end of season picnic is scheduled for May 31st. W. Harrison will make an effort to resolve this issue through P. Fick of the Recreation Committee.

Depot volunteers for the following months:

June – S. Katz

July – W. Harrison

August – Open

September - Open

October – E. Johanson

November – E. Johanson

December – M. Petrus

S. Katz has also been reaching out to volunteers on the list. She is working on removing volunteers that are no longer active or available.

Environmental Commission Report E. Johanson reported that the site review for New Market Farm was completed. That was the main order of business. The Chairperson, S. Grace, resigned due to his new job and relocation. M. Prendamano reported that a new variance was submitted by F. DeGoia for a property on Back Brook Road. The committee has not inspected this property yet.

Township Committee Update: No member was present to report.

SWAC Report: W. Harrison circulated his SWAC report prior to our meeting. He also stated that the newly elected freeholder seems very interested in what the Recycling Committee does. E. Johanson prepared a letter to the Freeholders regarding recycling procedures at the 4H Fairgrounds. The letter was reviewed by the committee. Amendments were made. The committee agreed that the letter be presented to T. Stahl for Township approval and then be sent.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: W. Harrison noted that his article about composting was published in the last issue. E. Johanson noted that the VIP does not reach a lot of people. She suggested getting messages out via the school email blast system. M. Petrus suggested putting some at the snack shack. She suggested that the new youth members can prepare an article each month for distribution. M. Petrus also suggested that the Observer be utilized as a source of distributing information. W. Harrison recommended asking S. Possolt if they have a display case for the VIP to make it more eye-catching. J. Bradstreet will prepare an article.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: This collection will be extended through June, 2014. E. Johanson is waiting for a call back from Princeton Molding to see if they will accept our Styrofoam.

Metals Recycling Update: There was nothing new to report. E. Johanson is planning a field trip to Frenchtown to see how they do their metal collection. M. Petrus will accompany her.

2014 Clean Up Day: S. Katz noted that this year more money was collected. There were seven more cars.

Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds: The Committee discussed this during SWAC report.

INVOICES – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles. Various agendas and minutes from other committees. Resource Recycling Magazine. Flyer from Hunterdon County Public Works regarding hazardous waste collection and electronics collection. A photo from the Hunterdon County Democrat from Roadside Clean Up. Greenways Magazine.

NEW BUSINESS None

OPEN TO COMMITTEE None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by E. Johanson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – June 10 , 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

