

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 10, 2014 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

7:33 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, P. Folk, R. O'Reilly,

Absent: M. Dessel, T. Mathews

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 13, 2014, business meeting were presented. S. Katz made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by E. Johanson. All members were in favor.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: None present.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

Depot Report – June 2014: S. Katz reported that there were many volunteers. Some will continue monthly throughout the summer. It was a fairly busy depot. The paper dumpsters were 55% full on Saturday and 85% on Sunday. Plastic and glass was 45% full on Saturday and 60% on Sunday. A whole barrel of TerraCycle was collected as well. There was more than one bucket of bottle tops. They collected 10 inches of CD's and 2 feet of egg cartons. The weather was wonderful. E. Johanson spoke to Dean about educating the coaches and players with regard to recycling procedures at the Municipal Fields. There is still trash mixed in with the recycled items, but it seems that more things are being recycled. S. Katz is working on cleaning up the volunteer list. She is calling volunteers and letting them sign up for any month of their choice. Kim Geiss suggested that the committee uses MySignUp.com. This is a website that hosts volunteer listings. Depot days can be posted and volunteers can then fill slots. This link can be emailed to volunteers and then be posted on the Township Website. E. Johanson suggested the youth members be advised so that they too can volunteer for different dates. S. Katz will update list and solicit volunteers for July. She asked T. Mathews if he would like to volunteer for August and September. She is waiting to hear back from him. E. Johanson will assist T. Mathews.

Depot volunteers for the following months:

July – W. Harrison

August – Open

September - Open

October – E. Johanson

November – E. Johanson

December – M. Petrus

A discussion ensued later on about signage at the depot. E. Johanson suggested a three dimensional sign that is more visual.

Environmental Commission Report J. Bradstreet reported that E. Johanson is the proposed Chairperson pending Township Committee approval. The new Omick trail had a successful opening. An Eagle Scout is going to propose a project in the trail and a local Boy Scout troop has agreed to adopt the trail and maintain it. The well testing has been collected and submitted.

Township Committee Update: No member was present to report.

SWAC Report: SWAC has not met. There is nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: J. Bradstreet has submitted an article for June/July. He will add the My Sign Up link once it is up and running. S. Katz suggested that the Committee asks for a donation of chairs for Depot days.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: M. Petrus stated that a lot has been collected. The collection will continue for another month. He and E. Johanson are planning a trip to Princeton Molding to investigate recycling options. He believes that one dump truck will be enough to transport the Styrofoam. The phone calls and emails have not been returned.

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.

Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds: The committee prepared letter with suggested recycling procedures at the Fair Grounds was mailed to the Hunterdon County Board of Chosen Freeholders. Alan Johnson was also sent a copy. M. Petrus stated that he will call and get on the 4H Committee's July agenda.

Recycling Committee Participation in the Hunterdon County Community Day M. Prendamano explained that our Committee is invited to spend time at our Township's table meeting and greeting

residents. We can submit handouts. E. Johanson will be present at the table for a portion of the day. We can look into plastic display cases. A discussion ensued with regard to what the committee wants on the flyer. S. Katz suggested that Styrofoam recycling and TerraCycle should be mentioned. M. Petrus added that the school lunch trays could be mentioned. W. Harrison added that the bottle cap recycling effort should be mentioned as well. S. Katz will create an informational flyer.

INVOICES – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles. Various agendas and minutes from other committees. Resource Recycling Magazine.

Email from Rutgers regarding Sustainability awards for Municipalities. The Committee discussed nominating Sharon Ernst from our school. M. Petrus made a motion that the committee nominate S. Ernst for a Rutgers sponsored Sustainability award. The motion was seconded by S. Katz. All members were in favor. Motion passed unanimously. M. Prendamano will submit this.

Email from Waste Management regarding Recycling Electronics All Year Round. The committee discussed that this would not be an option at this time. We will continue to collect small electronics for the school and attempt to increase awareness.

Email about the NJ State League of Municipalities Annual Conference in Atlantic City.

The Earth Science Circus Assembly Program. The County has supported this educational assembly in the past. M. Prendamano will forward the information to Principal J. Capuano at the school.

NEW BUSINESS

S. Katz discussed a grant from the State. It involves an innovative idea, educational outreach or the start-up of a new program. The committee discussed the youth members seeking a market for Styrofoam. W. Harrison suggested that we find a market for the plastic coated drink boxes.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE W. Harrison recommended that the committee purchase some new recycling stickers to label containers. He would like to purchase as many weatherproof labels as possible and not exceed \$100. W. Harrison made a motion to purchase recycling labels not to exceed \$100. The motion was seconded by S. Katz. All members were in favor.

S. Katz suggested that the committee should offer a contest at the school for the design of the newsletter. The children can come up with a black and white drawing for next year. M. Prendamano noted that the contest should probably be limited to certain grade levels as there would be many submissions in various states since the ages range from 5 to 12. The contest can be kicked off in October.

M. Petrus brought up the idea of an annual picnic for the Recycling committee and volunteers following a Saturday Depot. He suggested that Shop Rite be solicited for donations. The committee discussed this and the general consensus was to schedule it for September or October. It can eventually include the Environmental Commission and the Roadside Clean-Up volunteers.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by P. Folk, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – July 8, 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