

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 8, 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, M. Dessel (8:37 p.m.)

Absent: T. Mathews

MINUTES

Minutes of the June 10th, 2014, business meeting were presented. E. Johanson noted a typographical error with regard to an extra comma. M. Petrus made a motion to approve corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by E. Johanson. All members were in favor.

OPEN TO PUBLIC: Present from the public: Sharon Inglin, Joseph Hornsby, Brian Inglin, Alison Castellano, Jenna Castellano and Lony Prendamano.

Sharon Inglin explained that Brian Inglin and Joseph Hornsby are working on a Citizenship and Communication merit badge for the Boy Scouts. As part of the badge they are required to attend a Public meeting. The boys are listening for a difference of opinion during the meeting. W. Harrison suggested that the meeting be open to the public once again at the end. S. Katz invited the boys to volunteer at the monthly depots as an opportunity to perform community service. The boys stated that they are required to do community service hours and will consider volunteering at the monthly depot.

Jenna Castellano and Lony Prendamano presented some information with regard to the companies that S. Katz provided that may recycle Styrofoam. Foam Pack Industries is located in Springfield which is about an hour away from Ringoes. The children sent an email to the company to find out if they would accept collected Styrofoam. The second company is Ray Bob Packing in Tully Town, P.A. The children also contacted this company. They have not yet received a response to their emails. They are also waiting for more information from Styro Genie with regard to the actual cost of the machine. They have been in touch with the school's caterer, Maschio's. The children suggested that they switch out the Styrofoam lunch trays for a more biodegradable option. A. Castellano will explore this further with the company. She noted that Maschio's provides lunch services to many schools throughout the County. She also reported that East Amwell Township School did renew their contract with Maschio's for the 2014-2015 school year. M. Petrus added that he could not find Princeton

Moulding. He did note that there was another address for them in Piscataway. E. Johanson emailed the journalist who wrote the article about Princeton Molding. She is hoping to hear back from her. Also, E. Johanson filled out a form online to contact Princeton Molding.

J. Castellano noted, on a separate subject, that there is only one can for trash at the Summer Playground program at the school. The children are going to inquire with the school administration whether or not another receptacle can be placed so that the children can recycle trash properly. A. Castellano offered to deliver the recycling container to the school in the event that the school does not put one in place.

M. Petrus made a motion to close the meeting to public comment. P. Folk seconded this motion. All members voted unanimously to close the meeting to the public.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: W. Harrison stated that he would like to re-open the meeting to the public before it is adjourned.

Depot Report – July 2014: W. Harrison reported that the weather was very comfortable. S. Katz noted that there was less contamination in the recycling containers around the fields as opposed to the containers around the building. Three volunteers showed in addition to the three Committee members. There were around 30 customers. Paper dumpster was 30% full on Saturday and 40% full on Sunday. The other container was 40% full on Saturday and 50% full on Sunday. A five gallon bucket full of caps was collected.

Depot volunteers for the following months:

August – E. Johanson and M. Dessel

September – M. Petrus

October – E. Johanson

November – E. Johanson

December – M. Petrus

Environmental Commission Report E. Johanson reported that the Commission discussed easements and educating the public with regard to easements. They discussed putting together a resource manual for property owners that have easements. J. Bradstreet prepared an informative article for the Township's tax mailing.

Township Committee Update: No member was present to report.

SWAC Report: W. Harrison reported that Bethlehem Township has purchased a recycling compactor of which he had an opportunity to see. It is open 6 days per week and can be operated by the public. The compactor costs approximately \$20,000 and is expected to pay for itself in five years. The Delaware Township SWAC representative suggested that East Amwell Township enter a joint venture with Delaware Township and purchase the system. W. Harrison noted that this venture raises

questions with regard to expenses, feasibility and rebate sharing. W. Harrison suggested that our committee look into areas for the placement of this compactor and the costs associated with having one. S. Katz suggested looking into the cost of a smaller unit.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: J. Bradstreet reported that the VIP will be printed for July/August. E. Johanson suggested that a request for a donation of chairs be added to the article. M. Petrus added that we report that a My Sign Up link will be available in September. E. Johanson suggested that we add the clothing shed at the school as a way to recycle used clothing. M. Petrus suggested that we add that Holland Township takes Freon containing appliances every Saturday.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: E. Johanson reported that they have a full truck load of Styrofoam. She and M. Petrus will reach out to the DPW to schedule a drop of at Ray Bob in P. A.

Metals Recycling Update: S. Katz contacted a metal recycling company in Trenton. They have different size containers. They will deliver them and take various metals and along with air conditioners and Freon containing appliances that have had the Freon removed.

E. Johanson did a site visit to Frenchtown. They have a stationary metal container to collect metals. They also have a container to collect electronics. Both containers are open and unsecured.

Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds: M. Petrus and E. Johanson will be attending the 4H Committee meeting. They will be asking for a pick-up truck and driver. They will need volunteers to pick up recycling at the fair. W. Harrison noted that there were ample recycling containers present at Community Day.

INVOICES – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles. Various agendas and minutes from other committees. Correspondence from Rutgers regarding various recycling courses offered. Email from S. Katz about Styrofoam Recycling companies. W. Harrison suggested that M. Prendamano attend the course to become a Certified Recycling Coordinator. P. Folk expressed that he would like to attend the course as well. M. Prendamano will get the information with regard to the program.

NEW BUSINESS

S. Katz brought up the artwork for next year's newsletter. M. Prendamano spoke to the art department at the school. The art teacher would be willing to assist us in collecting entries for the contest. The contest would be limited to grades 4th, 5th and 6th members of the Environmental Club.

M. Petrus made a motion to open to the public. P. Folk seconded. All members were in favor of opening the meeting to the public.

OPEN TO PUBLIC

The boys will be attending the Planning Board Meeting tomorrow. They expressed their gratitude to the Committee for all of their volunteer efforts and for accommodating them. M. Petrus made a motion to close to the public. E. Johanson seconded the motion. All members were in favor of closing the meeting to the public.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE

M. Prendamano reported to the Committee that Alison Castellano submitted an application to become a committee member.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by P. Folk, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – August 12, 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