

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 12, 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, R. O'Reilly, M. Prendamano, T. Mathews, M. Dessel

Absent: P. Folk, E. Johanson,

Youth Members: J. Castellano, L. Prendamano, J. Miller

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 8, 2014, business meeting were presented and S. Katz made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by M. Petrus. All members were in favor with one abstention from T. Mathews.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: W. Harrison amended the agenda to read that the depot report will be presented by E. Johanson.

REPORTS

Depot Report – August 2014: S. Katz gave the depot report for E. Johanson who was absent. S. Katz reported that there were seven volunteers. Fifty residents used the depot that day. The weather was pleasant. The trash dumpster was 1/3 full on Saturday and ½ full Sunday and the paper dumpster was ½ full Saturday and ¾ full by Sunday. They collected bottle caps and many Teracycle items. S. Katz stated that she has donated three chairs. M. Petrus added that he now has enough bottle caps collected to make a delivery to Bridgewater.

W. Harrison discussed the My Sign Up link for the depot. S. Katz set up the link. The information is available to all members. W. Harrison suggested that there may be times where it is helpful to have four slots available. M. Prendamano stated that you can add a button to certain months. She offered to help S. Katz set it up. The committee agreed that there should be four slots for each month. T. Mathews noted that the link can be put on the Township's website. M. Prendamano will send it to T. Stahl. M. Prendamano suggested that the link be sent to the school for an email blast to recruit student volunteers. T. Mathews offered to volunteer at a depot after December.

Environmental Commission Report: M. Prendamano reported that the Commission discussed their involvement at the 4H Fair. They welcomed a new member Doug Schleifer who has experience with

Conservation Easements. He is going to work with J. Bradstreet in his efforts to maintain a master file of easements, make site visits and keep records of properties. M. Prendamano will forward D. Kellogg's email with regard to volunteering at the 4H Fair to all Recycling Committee members. This year they will be using a bean bag toss instead of the wheel. M. Petrus will speak to D. Kellogg about the tables needed. W. Harrison is taking the first shift. M. Petrus will make certain that the recycling containers are placed throughout the fairgrounds. Pick up starts Thursday morning. E. Johanson will be assisting him.

M. Prendamano reported that there was an application for a variance for Peacock's. The owner is seeking to rebuild the structure without the store.

Township Committee Update: T. Mathews reported that the Township Committee approved the 2014 budget. There was a plan in the budget for a 2% raise for all employees but those with contracts. The employees with contracts will be dealt with as per their contract. T. Mathews stated that one of the challenges was that the reassessment caused the amount of Open Space revenue to go down. The golf course is seeking to renegotiate their assessment. The next thing to be discussed is the Capital Budget. Two grants that the Township applied for unfortunately did not come through. One was for Road work and one for a back-up Generator. W. Harrison noted that he sent a thank you to the Road Crew for their help to the Recycling Committee.

SWAC Report: W. Harrison stated that there was no meeting in July and they do not have a meeting planned for August. They may meet in September or October.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: J. Bradstreet has resigned from the Recycling Committee. M. Prendamano offered to write the article for September's VIP. M. Prendamano also suggested that once A. Castellano joins the Committee, she may be interested in composing an article each month. M. Petrus suggested that the My Sign Up link be placed in the VIP. W. Harrison suggested that there be a contact person. M. Prendamano will put her email address down as a contact person. S. Katz would like information with regard to composting leaves. T. Mathews stated that the grit yard is still closed as the tub grinder is inoperable. M. Prendamano will list the dates of upcoming County collections. W. Harrison suggested that the concept of a picnic for volunteers be revisited in the Spring. M. Petrus feels it should be open to all volunteers with donations from Shop Rite. W. Harrison suggested that it be opened to Recycling Committee volunteers.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: M. Petrus has had no success with Princeton Molding. He will pick a drop off location and coordinate with the Township. He feels that what has been collected so far will fit into the truck.

Metals Recycling Update: E. Johanson is not present to report.

Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds M. Petrus will be walking around the Fair handing information out to the vendors.

INVOICES – None

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles. Various agendas and minutes from other committees. American Public Works Association announcement of a free seminar at Rutgers regarding the NJ Clean Communities. Letter from J. Bradstreet regarding his resignation. The 2014 Recycling Committee Budget. Memo regarding Purchasing Procedures. New recycling stickers ordered from Amazon.com.

The Committee discussed possibly obtaining a stencil.

NEW BUSINESS M. Petrus noted that Resource Magazine reported that Long Beach Twsp is currently collecting lawn furniture, plastics and beach toys and chairs at their depot. M. Prendamano will reach out to the coordinator and find out how they are disposing of these items. M. Petrus asked if SWAC could be the conduit for this type of information.

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

OPEN TO COMMITTEE R. O'Reilly asked what the property owners responsibility is for disposing of a sofa. S. Katz stated that the property owner should call their garbage hauler to make a special arrangement. W. Harrison reported that this was an issue brought up with the Ringoes Village Study.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by S. Katz, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – September 9, 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

