

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 14, 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, R. O'Reilly, P. Folk, A. Castellano, M. Prendamano, Youth Members: J. Castellano, L. Prendamano, J. Miller

Absent: S. Katz, M. Petrus, T. Mathews, M. Dessel

MINUTES

Minutes of the September 9, 2014, business meeting were presented. W. Harrison had one amendment to the paragraph 'SWAC Report'. He suggested it read 'SWAC did not meet – nothing to report.' R. O'Reilly made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by P. Folk. All members were in favor with three abstentions from E. Johanson, A. Castellano and W. Harrison.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No public comment.

REPORTS

Youth Report – J. Castellano reported that FYPON does not use Styrofoam. She has contacted another company called FPI (Foam Pack Industries). On their website it indicates that they recycle lunch trays. The children hope to be able to coordinate this collection with the school. J. Castellano will follow-up with this company and the school. The long range goal would be to include other school districts in this effort. M. Prendamano noted that a volunteer would probably be needed to collect and deliver recycled trays and that space for storing them is very limited. Also, the cost of paper may be more than Styrofoam.

J. Miller reported that he has not yet been in contact with Sharon Ernst regarding the spray paint for the receptacles. He and his dad will explore the different types of paints used on plastics.

L. Prendamano reported that he sent an email to Dunkin Donuts asking if they were going to switch from Styrofoam cups to paper. He had learned that McDonalds was switching over to paper. He has

not yet received a response. R. O'Reilly recommended getting this request published in one of the papers for greater impact.

Depot Report – October 2014: E. Johanson reported that the My Sign Up link seems to be working as all of the scheduled volunteers showed up. She almost had a full dumpster. She mentioned that she had difficulty with the lock and it might need to be sprayed. W. Harrison offered to spray it. M. Petrus delivered the collected Styrofoam. M. Prendamano will update the My Sign Up link to list the coordinator and their phone number on each month. This will give volunteers the opportunity to contact the coordinator in the event they need to cancel.

Environmental Commission Report: E. Johanson reported that that the Commission that one of the members is donating his free screening of the movie “The Sourlands” by Jared Flesher. The Commission will be hosting this screening on Friday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. The movie will be shown at the East Amwell Township School. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be selling light refreshments. She also stated that the Commission has been following up with residents regarding their conservation easements.

Township Committee Update: No member from the Township Committee was present.

SWAC Report: W. Harrison reported that SWAC did meet. Alan Johnson drafted some amendments to the Hunterdon County Solid Waste Management Plan. W. Harrison has those amendments for anyone interested in seeing them. The topic of recycling at County events was discussed. E. Johanson asked if it is possible to collect Styrofoam all year round. W. Harrison suggested that we continue to collect non-food Styrofoam while we pursue the company in Springfield, N.J. as a possible end market.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: W. Harrison pointed out that last month's VIP used the word 'trash'. He recommended that we do not use the word trash in future articles. M. Prendamano took note. M. Prendamano will mention that Styrofoam collection will continue at the monthly depots. The My Sign Up link will be listed once again. She will announce the design contest and mention the company DCItr.com where residents can get paid for their old CD's, DVD's and Game discs.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: M. Petrus not present to report.

Newsletter Art Contest: M. Prendamano presented the letter along with the entry forms. The Committee approved the letter. M. Prendamano will present the letter to the Environmental Club. The deadline for submission is December 5th.

Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds Nothing to report

INVOICES – There is one invoice from Amazon.Com for the recycling logo stickers in the amount of \$96.18. This invoice was presented last month and held over until this month for W. Harrison to sign. E. Johanson made a motion to pay the invoice. A. Castellano seconded the motion. All members voted unanimously to pay the invoice for \$96.18. W. Harrison noted that there are still recycling logo stickers left. They are hanging in an envelope in the shed.

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles along with minutes and agenda’s from other committees, along with an updated list of the school’s acceptable items for TerraCycle.

NEW BUSINESS - None

OPEN TO COMMITTEE

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by P. Folk. This Motion was seconded by E. Johanson, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – November 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

