

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP**

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**December 9, 2014 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

**7:35 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, P. Folk, A. Castellano, M. Prendamano

**Absent:** T. Mathews, M. Dessel, R. O'Reilly, E. Johanson, Youth Members: J. Castellano, L. Prendamano, J. Miller

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the October 14, 2014, business meeting were presented by W. Harrison for approval. A. Castellano made a motion to approve the minutes from October 14, 2014. M. Prendamano seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approval with two abstentions from S. Katz and M. Petrus.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Notes from November's unofficial meeting. W. Harrison presented these notes for approval by the Committee. S. Katz made a motion to approve these notes. W. Harrison seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approving the notes.

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:** No public comment.

**REPORTS**

**Youth Report** – No youth present to report.

**Depot Report – December 2014:** M. Petrus reported that D. Riley could not come due to a family emergency. Kendra was present. A. Saponara volunteered as well. There were about sixty cars. The dumpsters were 90% and 60 full by Monday. One large bag of Styrofoam was collected and some TerraCycle. The weather was cloudy and it began to rain. Overnight a great deal of vinyl siding was placed in one of the dumpsters. A. Castellano noted that Habitat for Humanity will accept used vinyl siding. P. Folk has contacts at Habitat for Humanity. He will reach out to them and see if they might take it. The DPW removed this siding from the dumpster. M. Petrus made a motion to write a thank you letter to the DPW for all they have done for the Committee throughout the year. S. Katz seconded the motion. All members were unanimously in favor.

One of the dumpster doors would not close properly. The hinges were not aligned with the door. M. Petrus used a chain to secure the door and alerted RVD. W. Harrison will follow up with RVD about the condition of the dumpsters. He will also inquire about whether or not they would have accepted the vinyl siding in the dumpster.

M. Petrus noted that the master volunteer list did not include Kendra Schroder, Andrew Saponara and Nancy Cunningham. S. Katz removed Kendra since she had not had a return phone call from her. M. Prendamano will give all members the 'My Sign-Up' log in information so that they have access to the all of the volunteers and their phone numbers. P. Folk expressed that if he could get a ride to the depot he would gladly volunteer. M. Petrus volunteered to run the February depot. W. Harrison noted that during a snow storm, if the parking lot is not cleared the depot is cancelled.

**Environmental Commission Report:** M. Prendamano reported that the Environmental Commission appointed E. Johanson to an ad hoc committee that will be preparing a resolution for the Township Committee, opposing the proposed PennEast Pipeline and the practice of fracking. The resolution will address the specific environmental concerns of East Amwell.

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

**SWAC Report:** SWAC did not meet and will not meet again until February.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Articles for the VIP:** M. Prendamano will announce the design contest winners. Styrofoam collection will also be mentioned.

**Styrofoam Recycling Update:** M. Petrus will continue collecting Styrofoam. He will need to call ahead before making another drop. Currently they are using RayBob packaging as an end market for collected Styrofoam. It is located in Bristol, P.A. M. Petrus suggested that the committee purchase a tarp as the amount of Styrofoam grows to prevent it from blowing away.

**Newsletter Art Contest:** M. Prendamano will email the parents of the winning children.

**Recycling Procedures at 4H Fairgrounds** Nothing to report

## **INVOICES –**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Various newsletters and articles along with minutes and agenda's from other committees. Advertisement from Monarch Decals. Resource Recycle Magazine.

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**OPEN TO COMMITTEE** P. Folk expressed that he may not be staying on the Recycling Committee due to transportation issues. He will stay on until he is replaced. W. Harrison mentioned that he committed to serve another year on SWAC. S. Katz will not continue as an alternate SWAC member. E. Johanson will take her place.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by P. Folk, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Maria Prendamano  
Recycling Committee Coordinator

**NEXT MEETING: – January 13, 2015 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