

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
June 9, 2015 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

7:42 p.m.

In compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, it is announced that this is the regular Business Meeting of the East Amwell Township Recycling Committee, as published in the January 22, 2015 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

ROLL CALL:

Present: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, A. Castellano, M. Prendamano, R. O'Reilly, Youth Members: J. Castellano, L. Prendamano, J. Miller

Absent: E. Johanson, M. Dessel, P. Folk, T. Mathews

MINUTES

Minutes of the May 12, 2015, business meeting were presented by W. Harrison for approval.

R. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes which was seconded by M. Petrus. All members were in favor of approval.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

REPORTS

Youth Report Will be combined with the June depot report. A. Castellano thanked the Committee for their help in running her first depot. E. Johanson, W. Harrison, M. Petrus and P. Folk were instrumental in helping things run smoothly.

J. Castellano reported that there were 72 vehicles that attended the depot. L. Prendamano reported that the paper container was 80% full. J. Miller reported that the plastic container was 60% full and at the conclusion of the baseball picnic it was 85% full. VIP's were handed out. L. Prendamano reported that there was a small amount of Styrofoam collected and two large plastic bags of TerraCycle material. This was delivered to the school. The grit yard remained closed as instructed by the DPW. No one from the volunteer list showed up to the depot. RVD was contacted on Wednesday to confirm the delivery of the dumpsters. Both were delivered on Saturday morning. L. Prendamano reported that the dumpster's condition was poor. The doors were very hard to close and the overall condition was poor. They were rusted in many places. J. Castellano noted that much of the garbage cans were filled with recyclable materials. She did sort as much as possible. M. Petrus suggested the children use the grabbers that are located in the shed to perform such tasks.

J. Miller reported that 10 black garbage bags were sorted and three blue recycling containers were filled. L. Prendamano reported that the youth members placed recycling bins on a one-to-one with garbage bins for the baseball fields. J. Castellano told the Committee how she and the other members smashed down cardboard. The yellow long arm plastic gloves were preferable to the latex ones.

One of the questions that the youth members had is who maintains the volunteer list. W. Harrison took a moment to commend everyone that was involved in the depot. The report was well written. He added that jumping in the dumpster is a safety issue. Although it is fun, it can be very dangerous. He suggested that the boxes be compressed outside on the pavement and not in or near the dumpster. He also recommended that the Committee order some medium and large yellow gloves not to exceed \$50.00. M. Petrus made a motion to approve the purchase of medium and large yellow gloves not to exceed \$50.00. A. Castellano seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approving the purchase. R. O'Reilly suggested keeping the extra gloves in the shed and only putting out three or four pairs at a time. The gloves should be washed in Clorox after use.

A. Castellano noted that there are a lot of recycling cans and that some might need to be labeled as trash only. She offered to go back and spray over the recycling logo and label them as trash. They need to be placed on a one-to-one ratio. M. Petrus thought that the AVLBL should put some more signs up with regard to recycling. M. Prendamano added that C. Kellogg is very proactive with regard to recycling at the ball games. R. O'Reilly stated that it seems the problem is that people do not discriminate between trash and recycling. A. Castellano thought that putting a sign that says 'Trash Only' might help. W. Harrison thought perhaps the Committee should purchase signs/stickers that say 'Trash Only'. R. O'Reilly brought up the point that people may not be aware of exactly what is recyclable and what is not. M. Petrus suggested making a three dimensional sign with actual recyclables on it above the can. W. Harrison noted that the coaches need to transport the trash and recycling containers to the grey shed and that they must be put into place at each game. M. Petrus would like to see that this practice be put into action at the 4H Fair. The cans need to be placed side by side. M. Prendamano thought perhaps a platform could be placed at each dugout where the both receptacles could be placed at each field. The structure could include a back board that displays the recyclables and/or signage. W. Harrison stated that pairing them up and labeling them is the best practice. W. Harrison asked A. Castellano to make some copies of recycling procedures and place them in sleeves for the snack shack. M. Prendamano suggested that a representative from the Committee attend an AVLBL board meeting and discuss remedies to the situation and/or invite the President to one of our meetings. This could also help to address recycling at the Fire House.

M. Petrus made a motion to approve the purchase of some large 'Trash Only' decals not to exceed \$50.00. A. Castellano suggested purchasing letter stencils instead. R. O'Reilly thinks many people do not read signs on cans. M. Petrus feels that cooperation is improving from year to year. Labeling might spark more cooperation. M. Petrus amended the motion to approve the purchase of large letter stencils for labeling not to exceed \$50.00. A. Castellano seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approving this purchase.

W. Harrison added that some of the collected cardboard was dumped by our collected Styrofoam on Sunday. He put it in the dumpster.

Depot Report – June 2015: See the Youth Report.

Environmental Commission Report: M. Prendamano stated that the site review committee was re-organized. They are prepping for the 4H Fair.

Township Committee Update: No representative was present.

SWAC Report: SWAC has not met.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: The Committee agreed that there will not be a submission for the July/August edition.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: M. Petrus called the company in Springfield and is hoping to schedule a delivery. The collection will continue.

Welcome Packet: R. O'Reilly is has nothing to add. The Committee is not taking responsibility for the welcome packet.

INVOICES – M. Prendamano reported that there is one invoice for the garbage pickers requested by B. Hummel. The amount is \$239.64. The Committee agreed to spend \$20 per picker. The pickers have been received but not inspected. W. Harrison will go to the shed with a flashlight and inspect them.

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles along with minutes and agenda's from other committees. Resource Recycle Magazine. A copy of the current Recycling Committee budget as of May 29th.

NEW BUSINESS –

OPEN TO COMMITTEE – M. Prendamano wanted to take a moment to add that the tonnage this year is less than last year. She has not heard from some of the local businesses. The auto body/repair shops have significant tonnage with recycled cars and they have not responded to requests. R. O'Reilly will reach out to a local business owner.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by A. Castellano and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – July 14, 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