

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015 - 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 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, M. Prendamano, R. O'Reilly, A. Castellano, P. Folk

Absent: E. Johanson, T. Mathews, Youth Members: J. Castellano, L. Prendamano, J. Miller

MINUTES

Minutes of the July 14, 2015, business meeting were presented by W. Harrison for approval.

M. Petrus made a motion for approval that was seconded by P. Folk. All members were in favor of approval with one abstention from A. Castellano.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

W. Harrison noted a correction the agenda listing P. Folk for the August Depot.

REPORTS

Youth Report No Youth Members present.

Depot Report – August 2015: P. Folk reported that the paper/cardboard container was 65% and the plastic/glass container was 50% full. By Sunday both were approximately 80% full. W. Harrison, E. Johanson and M. Petrus were present. It was a busy depot that was attended by 56 cars. A large bag of Styrofoam was collected. W. Harrison noted that he is still going around the ball fields pulling recycling out of the trash cans. A. Castellano asked if the cans are still put out one-for-one. M. Prendamano showed the committee the stencils that were ordered. They are too large. She will send them back and order smaller ones. A. Castellano volunteered to help label the cans for the ball fields. M. Prendamano will order some spray paint in fluorescent & blue that will adhere to plastic.

M. Petrus made a motion to spend under \$20 for two cans of blue and two cans of fluorescent spray paint. A. Castellano seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the purchase.

M. Petrus offered to run the October depot day. W. Harrison suggested sending an email to all volunteers. M. Prendamano will send the email out. The My Sign Up link is not being utilized by volunteers. M. Prendamano will also attempt to recruit teens needing volunteer hours.

Environmental Commission Report: M. Prendamano reported that the Commission is working on restructuring the Site Review Committee. They have been planning and coordinating for the 4H Fair

which will be from August 19 to the 23. They are seeking volunteers to man the table for three hour shifts. Dee Kellogg is the contact.

Township Committee Update: No representative was present.

SWAC Report: SWAC has not met. W. Harrison reported that A. Johnson is recovering and will be returning in September.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: M. Prendamano asked whether or not the Committee would like to include a piece on metal recycling and perhaps reporting that scrap cars count toward our tonnage.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: M. Petrus reported that there is enough collected for a truckload. He is going to coordinate a date with the road crew. He will use Ray Bob as an end market since it is easier to get to.

Recycling at the 4H Fair - M. Petrus reported that they will be using Mr. Everitts truck for pick up. He spoke with Jenny at the County and confirmed that the containers will be in place on Tuesday. He will coordinate volunteers. He knows that E. Johanson will be available to help. The initial collection is large with the cardboard from displays. W. Harrison will help out on Monday morning with the post fair clean-up.

INVOICES – M. Prendamano presented the invoice for \$51.75 for the gloves and the stencils. The large stencils will be returned and the smaller ones purchased instead. M. Petrus made a motion to approve the invoice for \$51.75. W. Harrison seconded the motion. All members were in favor of approving the invoice.

CORRESPONDENCE –Minutes and agenda's from other committees. Resource Recycle Magazine. A copy of the current Recycling Committee budget.

NEW BUSINESS – M. Prendamano asked M. Petrus if he still wants to conduct a picnic for volunteers. W. Harrison feels it is a good idea but many of the volunteers on the list have not served in quite some time. M. Petrus would like to revisit the idea in September.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE –M. Prendamano shared that she is searching for a source to purchase rubber mulch for her landscape as she believes it will cut down on the weed growth. R. O'Reilly knows of someone who recycles tires. He will inquire with them.

P. Folk added that he will not be attending meetings from October through December since he is attending classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He will help out when he can at depot days.

A. Castellano shared that she recently read that the use of Styrofoam is banned in New York City as of July 1, 2015. Businesses are given a six month grace period to phase out all Styrofoam containers, cups, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by R. O'Reilly and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: – September 8, 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