

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
January 12, 2016 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

7:34 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 December 17, 2015 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat.

ROLL CALL:

Present: W. Harrison, M. Petrus, M. Prendamano, E. Johanson, M. Johnson, T. Rue, A. Castellano, Youth Member(s): and J. Castellano

Absent: R. O'Reilly, F. Hala, T. Mathews, Youth Members: J. Miller, L. Prendamano & D. Dockhorn

MINUTES

Minutes of the December 8, 2015, business meeting were presented for approval. M. Petrus made a motion for approval of the minutes that was seconded by A. Castellano. All members were in favor of approval with one abstention from M. Johnson.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS & READING OF THE RESOLUTION: M. Prendamano opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. E. Johanson nominated W. Harrison. M. Prendamano asked for other nominations. Hearing none, M. Petrus moved that nominations be closed. A. Castellano seconded the nomination. All members voted unanimously in favor of appointing W. Harrison as Chairperson of the Recycling Committee.

M. Prendamano opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson. E. Johanson nominated A. Castellano. M. Prendamano asked for other nominations, hearing none, M. Petrus moved that nominations be closed. M. Johnson seconded the nomination and all members voted unanimously in favor of appointing A. Castellano as the Vice Chairperson of the Recycling Committee.

Reading and Adoption of the Resolution 16-01:

EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION 01-16

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Recycling Committee of the Township of East Amwell, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, that during 2016, the Recycling Committee will hold regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

All regular meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m., prevailing time, in the small public meeting room of the East Amwell Township Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, New Jersey.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all items to be considered for the agenda shall be presented to the Recycling Committee Secretary no later than one week prior to the scheduled meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the Hunterdon County Democrat.

LEGAL PUBLIC NOTICE: January 21, 2016

Maria Prendamano, Secretary

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: W. Harrison amended the agenda to read W. Harrison under the Depot Report instead of M. Petrus.

REPORTS

Youth Report Youth member J. Castellano has nothing new to report this month. M. Prendamano noted that L. Prendamano, J. Miller and D. Dockhorn will be absent for ski club for a few weeks. M. Petrus asked J. Castellano to coordinate the TerraCycle drop off. He will bring it on Wednesday in time for the Environmental Club meeting. He presorted it for them.

Depot Report –January 2016: W. Harrison reported that the depot went well and that everyone that participated did a great job. He noted that storing the Styrofoam is becoming an issue. M. Petrus attended the last Township Committee meeting to ask about using the building vacated by the AVLBL. They feel it would be too expensive to repair the building and may consider erecting another shed for the Recycling Committee. M. Petrus thought that volunteers could help out. M. Prendamano wondered if it could be an Eagle Scout project.

M. Petrus spoke to the AVLBL representatives and they said it was dry inside. E. Johanson suggested getting an opinion from a contractor to get an idea of the scope and cost of repairs. W. Harrison noted that if the building was torn down a new one could be put in place somewhere less conspicuous. A. Castellano wondered if the Committee could just use the building for storage until they tear it down. W. Harrison stated that storing the Styrofoam outside is a challenge because it has to be tied down.

W. Harrison noted that on depot day, the dumpsters were closed and had to be to pried open. It might help to have WD-40 in the satchel. He stated the hinges were rusted and in need of lubrication. When he rechecked the dumpsters the following day and there was really no contaminants in the dumpsters.

- Depot assignments:
February – M. Petrus
March – A. Castellano
April – M. Johnson
May – M. Johnson
June – T. Rue
July – W. Harrison

Environmental Commission Report: The Environmental Commission did not meet in December.

Township Committee Report – T. Mathews was not present to report.

S.W.A.C. Report - W. Harrison reported that SWAC did not meet but will probably meet again in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP: M. Petrus thought a condensed depot report might be nice to add in the VIP. M. Prendamano will include some highlights from depot days in her article. M. Petrus thought added the names of volunteers might be nice. Also, to ask residents to presort their TerraCycle might be helpful. M. Prendamano will list clean-up dates too.

W. Harrison added that perhaps it might be a good idea to mention the type of Styrofoam that is recyclable. M. Prendamano thought it best to state ‘heavy packing Styrofoam’ as it might be too hard to describe.

Styrofoam Recycling Update: M. Petrus addressed this item in the depot report. W. Harrison thought that we should remove this item from the agenda as it does get discussed during the depot report.

INVOICES – None. M. Prendamano did note that she has a copy of the budget for anyone interested in seeing it. It is as of December, 2015. W. Harrison would like to get together with M. Prendamano to discuss the purchase of the new containers for the municipal fields. A. Castellano suggested listing ‘landfill’ on the trash receptacle side.

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

NEW BUSINESS –

2016 Goals –W. Harrison asked the committee to look over the Goals from last year. M. Petrus asked if we have fulfilled the goals from 2015. W. Harrison asked for suggestions from members. He stated that the goals can be revised if needed. W. Harrison suggested removing the welcome packet line. All members agreed. E. Johanson thought perhaps we could create a packet just to distribute at the depot days. M. Petrus suggested a few changes as well including that volunteers should be from 4th grade on. M. Prendamano will bring edited version to next meeting.

Clean-up Day - W. Harrison reached out to B. Hummel to find out what date he has in mind for his Roadside Clean-up. He would like to schedule Spring Clean up day for April 23rd. M. Prendamano will send a letter to Premier and notify the DPW once the date is firmed up.

Spring Newsletter – Design Contest- A. Castellano noted that last year it was challenging to the artwork onto the Newsletter. There has to be a pre-created template. She offered to create a template. E. Johanson suggested having a prize such as a TerraCycle tote bag.

OPEN TO PUBLIC- No public present.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE – M. Petrus took an opportunity to thank M. Prendamano for writing a letter to the DPW thanking them for all of their help. He also added that as a member of the Clawson Park he is meeting with the Recreation Committee this month to discuss plans for Clawson Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by A. Castellano and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

NEXT MEETING: –February 9, 2016 at 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