

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING
April 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, A. Castellano, M. Prendamano, R. O'Reilly, F. Hala (7:40 p.m.), E. Johanson, T. Rue and Youth Members: D. Dockhorn (7:40 p.m.)

Absent: T. Mathews, M. Johnson and Youth Member: J. Castellano, L. Prendamano, J. Miller

MINUTES

The minutes from the March 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed. W. Harrison suggested a couple of minor corrections that were noted by M. Prendamano. A motion to approve said minutes was made by A. Castellano that was seconded by T. Rue. All members were in favor of approving the corrected minutes of March 8, 2016.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: E. Johanson shared an app called iRecycle. The app will give the consumer information with regard to where to bring materials to be recycled. W. Harrison added an opportunity to collect Freon containing appliances.

REPORTS

Youth Report Youth not present at this time.

Depot Report –April 2016: W. Harrison stated that he was thankful that M. Petrus and A. Castellano were available to help as M. Johnson could not make the depot. The dumpsters were in good shape. E. Johanson asked what we are going to do about the full shed. M. Petrus noted that it is not full anymore. Much of it is outside the shed. W. Harrison was surprised that it did not blow away with the winds over the weekend. He added that we need to have a plan for the Styrofoam. M. Petrus stated that he didn't think we have a full box truck. He thought we could advertise a Styrofoam collection at Clean-up day. W. Harrison reminded him that the VIP is already published.

W. Harrison asked to schedule a drilling session for the new containers. A. Castellano suggested putting the holes in the front of the receptacles instead of the top to avoid water build up in the can. W. Harrison said that if the committee agrees, the holes could be drilled in the side of the can. M. Petrus suggested latching the tops so that people do not lift the lid and throw trash in.

W. Harrison is going to get in touch with M. Johnson for May. A. Castellano noted that he has a lot going on right now. R. O'Reilly and M. Petrus will do the May Depot. T. Rue offered to do the June Depot. He will attend the May depot for guidance. A. Castellano made a point with regard to TerraCycle. She sorted the collected materials. There was a lot of TerraCycle. In sorting it, she noted that the list is not current and may be ambiguous to some people. Chip bags are acceptable but cookie bags are not. Most of what she sorted was unacceptable. She feels there needs to be some clarity with regard to what is acceptable. She believes there are well intentioned people that are not aware of what is and is not acceptable. She wants to make a very specific list. She thought perhaps the youth members could come up with a very clear list. R. O'Reilly asked if we have the very latest list. D. Dockhorn will make sure she gets one.

Environmental Commission Report: T. Rue reported that S. Sousa attended the meeting and gave an update on the progress at Clawson Park. He detailed the landscaping and the water flow. He added that a member of the public came to discuss some invasive species and the Environmental Commission's relationship with the DPW. She hoped that the Commission would communicate with the DPW and the County DPW when they are planning road work and how it affects the environment. He added that there was talk of a property where the homeowner has been trimming and mowing to the edge of a stream.

Township Committee Update: T. Mathews was not present to report.

SWAC Report: W. Harrison reported that they are having problems getting delegates from municipalities. They did meet without a quorum on March 15 and discussed that the only real issue to decide this year is the closing of the transfer station. This would not affect East Amwell. Since the meeting he has had a hard time getting in touch with A. Johnson. He has been speaking with Jennifer O'Sullivan. They will not be meeting in May. M. Prendamano asked if when they meet again they could address the tonnage reports. She reported that she is not getting the participation that she had in the past from local business. She asked Committee members if they know of anyone in the town with a business to please encourage them to participate. She will share the tonnage report list to members to show them what is acceptable. A. Johnson stated that the County was going to help gain participation from local business. M. Petrus was told that the health department was going to discuss recycling plans with food establishments. M. Prendamano wondered what happens to the business owner who does not comply. E. Johanson thinks that as a committee, members should seek information from business owners. M. Prendamano shared that soil, cement, clothing, batteries, oil are just some of the things that are reportable.

T. Rue asked if the Environmental Commission should get involved. M. Prendamano stated that perhaps they could in the event of a dumping situation that impacted the environment.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP A. Castellano asked that the TerraCycle voting be put in the VIP. M. Prendamano will add the information about the iRecycle app and clarify some of the items for TerraCycle collection. The youth group will put something together to be included in the article. A. Castellano added that TerraCycle came to the school last week and filmed a video at the school. The video will be on the TerraCycle website. E. Johanson suggested mentioning the cereal bags. A. Castellano wants to find out the amount of money received by the school from TerraCycle. She feels that giving people those numbers would inspire them to keep collecting.

INVOICES – M. Prendamano presented an invoice for \$1939.30 for trash receptacles. M. Petrus made a motion to approve the invoice that was seconded by A Castellano and approved by all members for payment.

In addition, M. Prendamano presented invoices for the copying, mailing and printing of the Spring Newsletter. The two invoices were in the amounts of \$479.73 and \$448.00. R. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the invoices which was seconded by T. Rue. All members were in favor of approving the invoices for payment.

A purchase requisition was presented. It was requested by Blaine Hummel for refreshments at Roadside Clean-up from Shoprite. The estimated amount is \$226.00. M. Prendamano made certain that this was an appropriate use of funds.

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles along with minutes and agenda's from other committees. Advertisement from Back to the Future electronics recycling company.

NEW BUSINESS – W. Harrison asked who would be able to work with him on Clean-up day on April 30th. T. Rue agreed to help out. R. O'Reilly also will be available.

M. Petrus shared that he has found someone to take Freon containing small appliances. W. Harrison would like it to be on the front page of the VIP. He would like this to happen during the June depot. M. Petrus wondered if there was a maximum number that he could take. W. Harrison stated he has a minimum of 10. He will not take large appliances (ie: refrigerators). He will take dehumidifiers and dorm refrigerators. M. Prendamano asked if he would give us his tonnage for collected items. M. Petrus will be there to help out.

W. Harrison added that on Saturday and Sunday, Clawson house is open. It is such a plus for our community. M. Petrus added that on Saturday from 9-12 is a Clawson Park Clean-up. A. Castellano asked if the place that accepts the Styrofoam makes benches out of the collected Styrofoam. M. Petrus stated they did not. They make blocks of it and molding.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE: T. Rue asked about the paint collection at our depots. W. Harrison stated that it never began. The County will collect paint during their collection days.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by A. Castellano, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

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