

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 BUSINESS MEETING
 September 13, 2016 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

7:31 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.

ATTENDANCE:

2016 ATTENDANCE

| Recycling Committee Member | 1/12/16 | 2/9/16 No quorum | 3/8/16 | 4/12/16 | 5/10/16 No quorum | 6/7/16 | 7/12/16 | 8/8/16 | 9/13/16 | 10/11/16 | 11/8/16 | 12/13/16 |
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| Will Harrison | X | | X | X | | X | | X | | | | |
| Michael Petrus | X | | X | X | | X | | | X | | | |
| Ron O'Reilly | | | X | X | | 7:54 | | X | X | | | |
| Erica Johanson | X | | X | X | | X | | | 7:38 | | | |
| Alison Castellano | X | | X | X | | | | X | X | | | |
| Fawn Hala | | | X | 7:40 | | X | | X | X | | | |
| Malik Johnson | X | | | | | | | 8:15 | X | | | |
| Tom Rue | X | | | X | | X | | X | X | | | |
| Tim Mathews | | | | | | 7:40 | | | | | | |

Others present: Secretary Maria Prendamano, Youth Members: J. Castellano, D. Dockhorn

In W. Harrison's absence, A. Castellano presided over the August meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes from the August 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed. R. O'Reilly made a motion to approve the minutes that was seconded by T Rue. All members were in favor of approving the minutes with one abstention from M. Petrus.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: AVLBL storage shed, 4H and Premier Disposal.

REPORTS

Youth Report J. Castellano reported that there was a lot of TerraCycle collected at the last depot. She noted that they already packed a shipped a box to TerraCycle at school. In Ms. Ernst's absence, J. Castellano will be assisting in the class with TerraCycle collection.

Depot Report –September 2016: M. Petrus reported that the Committee now has two new recycling volunteers, Mark and Vicky Petroni. They were very enthusiastic and helpful. They have just moved into town. It was a busy day with 105 attending. There was a lot of Styrofoam collected. He put the TerraCycle sign up. He felt there were too many types of containers that may need better identification. A. Castellano suggested making the bins more specific. M. Petrus also added that some of the containers may need to be bigger. There were not issues with the grit yard and the dumpsters were in good condition.

M. Petrus noted that about 1/3 of the shed is filled with Styrofoam. He is uncertain if there is enough for a delivery at this time. T. Rue volunteered to take the collection over. Next month's depot is T. Rue. M. Prendamano noted that R. O'Reilly offered to do November. E. Johanson offered to do December.

Environmental Commission Report: T. Rue reported there was no meeting in July. He attended the 4H Fair and the booth was really crowded. The table didn't draw in too many people. He attempted to draw people in. The game questions were a little hard for the kids. He thought they could use improvement. A lot of people were interested in the Monarch butterfly information but he thought it would be nice to include Milkweed seeds. M. Petrus noted that the wheel of fortune game made a great sound that attracted a lot of people. Perhaps a table top version of the same thing would be a better draw. T. Rue also noted that the Environmental Commission will probably not be hosting the 4H next year. They are using the Rain Barrel workshop to satisfy the storm water management requirement. He added that the table was right next to Raritan Headwaters and a lot of the information was the same.

Castellano thought the Recycling Committee could take the table over and utilize it as a platform for Terracycle. She thought it would be a good place for the sculptures of recycled materials. M. Petrus thought the kids could make a man or sculpture out of Styrofoam. He added that perhaps the kids could entice other schools to begin collections of their own.

T. Rue noted that he helped M. Petrus collect recyclables at the 4H Fair. M. Petrus stated that most of the recyclables don't get recycled. They did collect a lot of cardboard and cooking oil. M. Petrus noted that there is no way for East Amwell to get the tonnage for the event since it is a county park. M. Prendamano thought that we get a percentage of the amount based on population.

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

SWAC W. Harrison was not present to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Articles for the VIP M. Prendamano noted that last month's submission was flipped. M. Petrus stated that the committee actually cuts and pastes the articles by hand. A. Castellano asked if F. Hala wants to do the article each month and focus on different items to be collected for TerraCycle. A. Castellano asked if there is a TerraCycle list in the satchel. T. Rue thought it was from 2015. F. Hala will get the most recent list. There was some discussion with regard of what should be included.

Memo Regarding Premier – M. Prendamano shared a copy of the memo that went out to T. Stahl, T. Matheny and C. Santo with regard to the problems with Premier Disposal. Thanks to the comprehensive depot reports, the information was clear.

4H – Previously discussed.

AVLBL - A. Castellano read and email correspondence from W. Harrison. It explained that the baseball people have delayed making a decision with regard to the building as they have not completed the merger. E. Johanson added that she has heard positive feedback from them in the Recreation Committee meeting. E. Johanson asked if we could use it until they decide. A. Castellano thought that there is ample room in the building. M. Petrus heard that the contract between the AVLBL and the Township is up in June. He wondered if we could get temporary storage. M. Prendamano will ask T. Matheny.

INVOICES – None.

CORRESPONDENCE – Various newsletters and articles along with minutes and agenda’s from other committees. Keep America Beautiful Trash bin Grant;

NEW BUSINESS –

Roadside Clean-up – M. Prendamano explained that Blaine Hummel is going to retire from Roadside Clean-up after this year. He is hoping to recruit someone and show them the ropes. M. Petrus feels this falls to the Recycling Committee. M. Prendamano briefly explained the process of putting together the event. R. O’Reilly offered to do it and M. Petrus volunteered to help.

Styrofoam Collection – Previously discussed.

OPEN TO PUBLIC - None present.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE: A. Castellano thanked M. Petrus for his tremendous amount of help through the years. All committee members agreed that M. Petrus will be sorely missed. M. Petrus gave his key to the shed to F. Hala.

Castellano added that there are a lot of metal signs next to the recycling shed that are falling down and need to be adjusted. M. Prendamano will contact C. Kellogg.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by M. Petrus. This Motion was seconded by T. Rue, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Maria Prendamano
Recycling Committee Coordinator

CC: Rec. Com. Members

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