

1. October 2022 Meeting Packet

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EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP RECYCLING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
October 11, 2022 7:30 PM
East Amwell Twp Municipal Building: Small Conference Room

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ATTENDANCE**
- III. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**
- IV. AGENDA REVIEW**
- V. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**
- VI. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES – September 6, 2022**
- VII. PRESENTATION OF VOUCHERS**
- VIII. ORAL REPORTS**
 - a. Quarterly Report Update:
 - Depot Report: October (C. Napoleon)
 - i. Committee Volunteers for next Depot
 - TREX Plastic Program (A. Castellano /C. Napoleon)
 - Styrofoam (M. Gunn)
 - Clean Communities and Tonnage Report (R. Georgett)
 - i. Water Bottle Filling Station (A. Castellano)
 - b. Township Committee (J. Bloom)
- IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
 - a. Foam Palace Replacement (standing item)
 - b. VIP and website newsflash (all)
 - c. Terra Cycle – Community Relations Director call follow up (A. Castellano/R. Georgett)
- X. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Tennis Ball Recycling & Maine Recycling Model (E. Johanson)
- XI. OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE**
- XII. CORRESPONDENCE**
- XIII. ADJOURN**

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 6, 2022 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The regular meeting of the Recycling Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM on September 6, 2022 by A. Castellano.

2022 ATTENDANCE (X- present; E – excused; A – absent - * attendance via Zoom)

Recycling Committee Member	1/25/2022	2/1/2022- cancelled	3/1/2022	4/5/2022	5/3/2022	6/14/2022	7/5/2022	8/2/2022 - cancelled	9/6/2022	10/4/2022	11/1/2022	12/6/2022
Alison Castellano	X		X	X	X	X	X		X			
Susan Kadlec	X		X	X	X	X	X		X			
Erica Johanson	*		*	*	E	*	E		A			
Mark Gunn	*		X	x	X	X	X		X			
Chantal Napoleon	*		A	*	X	X	X		X			
Mike Petrus	X		X	X	X	A	X					
Thomas Manzo (resigned 9/2022)	na		X	*	A	A	A		Na			
Jenna Bloom Township Committee (non voting)	X		X	X	X	A	X		X			

Others present: Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regular meeting of the Recycling Committee pursuant to the Notice published in the January 20, 2022 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. A copy of the agenda was forwarded to the Hunterdon County Democrat, placed on the Township Website, and posted on the Township Bulletin Board.

AGENDA REVIEW –No changes to the agenda.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –**M. Gunn made a motion that was seconded by S. Kadlec to open to the public that was carried with no objections or abstentions.** A. Castellano introduced Rachel Atlee and Mike Cotruello, the proposed new committee members who were in attendance, and they each provide a brief introduction.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The minutes from the July 6, 2022 meeting was put forward and S. Kadlec **made a motion that was seconded by C. Naploeon to accept the minutes was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS – none.

REPORTS -

Quarterly Report Updates:

Depot Reports – S. Kadlec provided an overview of the report data for August and A. Castellano provided an overview of the report data for September. These reports are posted in the shared drive and included in the quarterly township committee report. There was

discussion about the placement of the dumpsters and they should be moved further from the building to allow for better traffic flow. A. Castellano asked Chantal who is leading the October depot to contact J. Silverthorn about marking the parking lot so Republic knows where to put the dumpsters. S. Kadlec said we may need a larger dumpster for paper because it is consistently overfilled.

Volunteers for the next depot: S. Kadlec, A. Castellano, Jason Bloom, Rachel Atlee and Mike Cotruffello

DEPOT LEAD & GRIT YARD (March to November) OPENING ASSIGNMENTS

DATE	LEAD	VOLUNTEERS
September 3, 2022	A Castellano	
September 17, 2022– Grit Yard	A Castellano	
October 1, 2022	C. Napoleon	
October 15, 2022– Grit Yard	C. Napoleon	
November 5, 2022	M. Gunn	
November 19, 2022– Grit Yard	M. Gunn	
December 3, 2022		
January 7, 2023		
February 4, 2023		

TREX Recycling – A. Castellano said we are on the 13th bench and there is a new volunteers group, Dennis and Dawn Hajek representing the 11th Hour Dog Rescue organization will take the next two collections and benches. She continued that they are residents of East Amwell but the dog agility course where they will put the benches are not in town. The committee was agreed this was OK. C. Napoleon will contact Tabby’s Place to see if they would like the bench this committee covered. She said it may be nice for their volunteers and A. Castellano said the contact is Johnathan Rosenberg.

Styrofoam - M. Gunn said it is half full with additional Styrofoam in the shed and needs to be hauled away. A. Castellano said the DPW has been very busy and she will remind J. Silverthorn to do this as soon as possible.

Clean Communities (CC) and Tonnage Reporting – R. Georgett said no major updates but the 2021 grant report has been filed. There is now \$12,000 being held for a future equipment purchase. A. Castellano said this is slotted for a new foam palace/clean community shed and there may be some funds to redirect for water stations at Clawson Park.

Township Committee: J. Bloom said there are no updates

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Foam Palace: Standing item – no update.

VIP and website newflash: C. Napoleon had submitted a September article regarding Recycle Coach. R. Georgett will provide an article for October with a Fall/Halloween theme to cover zero waste box for candy wrappers, what to do with pumpkins, leveraging material from 2021 flier. C. Napoleon will submit an article for November about curbside composting. Going forward R. Georgett & C. Napoleon will cover this taking turns.

NJDEP Recycling Awards Application: A. Castellano said the deadline had passed and we were unable to submit an application for 2022, and it was agreed that we would apply in 2023.

NEW BUSINESS –

Recycling Committee Volunteer Applications: There was discussion regarding process for approval of applications for new committee members. **A. Castellano called a vote to accept the application from Rachel and Mike that was unanimously approved.** J. Bloom will discuss with the township committee, and confirm the appointments.

Tennis Ball Recycling & Maine Recycling Model: E. Johanson was not present to share her thoughts & ideas when sharing this information. There was discussion regarding posting information about tennis ball recycling at the tennis courts, however, the information was about a box to purchase and use for recycling them. It is unlikely that individuals will purchase boxes, and so A. Castellano asked all committee members to review the information for further discussion at the next meeting. She also tabled the Maine Recycling Model discussion to next month.

Food Waste Environmental Impacts & Curbside Composting Resources: R. Georgett said there was a discussion at the Hunterdon County SWAC meeting that Food Waste is seen as the next big issue and that there is a curbside composting group operating out of Lambertville – The Composting Man. She suggested adding this to the website/Facebook site and exploring if we could offer drop off of composting at the Depot. S. Kadlec was familiar with curbside composting, said there may be a fee and provided an overview of how it works. It was agreed that residents are probably not aware of this service and posting the information would be helpful. Having composting collection at the Depot may not be effective because it would require residents collect and hold onto compostable material for a month. It was agreed to promote the information and not to pursue the Depot for collection.

OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – Nothing else

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Mike asked if working across East and West Amwell has been explored. R. Georgett said that West Amwell has trash collection as well as a transfer station for residents. There is a fee for trash and recycling collection and drop off. R. Georgett said West Amwell is much larger than East Amwell, and we are more aligned in size and capacity with Delaware Township. She continued that the Hunterdon County SWAC has explored this and it has been hard to get efforts going. Two items that have been successful are the Delaware and Raritan river clean ups and there was interest in the Styrofoam machine we were exploring. However there was feedback from towns that had purchased the machine that it was time consuming and not as effective as expected.

A. Castellano asked about the SWAC meetings and if there should be a report. R. Georgett said there is not much going on at the meetings, and although she could post minutes from those meeting it may be more efficient to have her keep putting pertinent items on the agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

Terra-Cycle Home: There was discussion regarding this subscription-based service and that the program Director requested a meeting to discuss it. R. Georgett will arrange a meeting to include A. Castellano and Sharon Ernst.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by M. Gunn which was seconded by R. Georgett and carried with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator