

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES - DRAFT  
 REGULAR MEETING  
 March 10, 2020 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Recycling Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM on March 10, 2020 in the Small Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, 1070 Route 202/31, Ringoes, NJ by W. Harrison.

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is a regularly scheduled meeting pursuant to the Annual Meeting Notice as published in the December 20, 2019 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.

**2020 ATTENDANCE** (X- present; E – excused; A – absent)

Recycling Committee Member	1/14/2020	2/11/2020	3/10/2020	4/13/2020	5/12/2020	6/09/2020	7/7/2020	8/11/2020	9/08/2020	10/06/2020	11/10/2020	12/08/2020
Will Harrison	X	X	X									
Alison Castellano	X	X	X									
Susan Kadlec	X	X	X									
Erica Johanson	-	-	E									
Tom Rue	X	X	X									
Mark Gunn	X	X	X									
Chantal Napoleon	X	E	X									
Tim Matthews	A	E	E									

*Others present: Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Seeing no members of the public present, T. Rue made a motion that was seconded by A. Castellano to close to the public that was carried by all members with no objections or abstentions.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES -** The minutes from the February 11, 2020 meeting were put forward and **A. Castellano made a motion that was seconded by T. Rue to accept the minutes with minor edits that was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA –** None

**REPORTS -**

**Youth Report:** No Youth and this will be removed from future 2020 agenda.

**Depot Reports: March 2020 –** M. Gunn reviewed the Depot report which is attached. W. Harrison asked if additional signs are needed and there was discussion regarding what new signs might be of value. It was agreed by the Committee that the existing signs we have are adequate. A. Castellano said three youth members attended Depot and she sent the names to R. Georgett to be added to the report.



Depot Report March  
2020.docx

## DEPOT LEAD ASSIGNMENTS

January 4, 2020	W. Harrison	Reported at January 14 meeting
February 1, 2020	T. Rue	Reported at February 11 meeting
March 7, 2020	M. Gunn	Reported at March 10 meeting
April 4, 2020	S. Kadlec	
May 2, 2020		
June 6, 2020	T. Rue	
July 4, 2020	W. Harrison	

**Township Committee Update:** T. Matthews was present to report.

**Styrofoam Recycling:** T. Rue said all is good.

**TREX Recycling:** C. Napoleon said Recycling Committee is running the current TREX project and almost 500 lbs have been collected. She continued that the 4-H will take the next project. A. Castellano said the 4-H needs more people to help because only a few members are from East Amwell and the rest are children from other towns. She continued that her neighbor Brian is coming in to help sort TREX during the week as well.

W. Harrison asked about Terra Cycle and whether “caps” were accepted. A. Castellano explained that smaller plastic caps should go back on the container for recycling, larger caps can be recycled on their own and metal caps go into the Zero Waste Box. She continued explaining that when plastic caps can’t be recycled with the container, they will be accepted for the zero waste box.

R. Georgett will print and put more volunteer recognition forms into the foam palace shed, send the simple template to the committee electronically and put it into the website forms center.

### OLD BUSINESS -

**Recycling Education/Communication:** R. Georgett said the flier draft has been sent to the Hunterdon County printing department where a quote is being prepared. She continued that they will make any final edits needed and could actually lay out/type set the entire flier if needed. R. Georgett said that because this is a clean communities (CC) flier, all costs would be paid from CC funds.

A Castellano asked if we can get a date for when the tax mailers are going out and R. Georgett will follow up. A. Castellano suggested we try to get stickers that can be put onto trash containers and R. Georgett will contact them to see if Republic has them.

T. Rue said we need to emphasize contamination and Mercer County is going to leave contaminated containers in curbside recycling rather than continuing to collect them. M. Gunn said at the Depot there are some items with a recycling emblem but no number and asked if these items should be accepted. W. Harrison said yes because those items will be separated at the recycling center and what’s most important is that items are clean. There was discussion regarding whether plastic food containers are accepted and it was agreed that clean containers are accepted. Styrofoam food containers/plates/plates are not accepted.

**Recycle Coach (RC):** No comments

**Road Side Clean Up April 18 update:** C. Napoleon said she created sign up and posted it on the website. She continued that a flier was also created and will be distributed. R. Georgett suggested to

email and/or call those who participated last year. A. Castellano said all equipment has been ordered.

**Spring Clean-Up April 25 update:** A. Castellano said all equipment has been ordered for this as well and the County will be present as well to collect medicine. She said this will be advertised. A. Castellano also read an email from J. Silverthorn regarding tire collection and has a tire recycling source set up. She continued that a dumpster was booked for tire collection and will confirm whether it is still needed. A. Castellano clarified that there is a flier on the website which lists all items that are accepted.

**Electronics Recycling:** R. Georgett said the last discussion on this topic was whether there should be township electronics recycling in January 2021 following the holidays when people get new electronics. M. Gunn said we collect electronics during Spring clean-up and there are three county collection dates. A. Castellano said it may be better to keep things simplified and continue referring people to the County rather than having a random township collection of electronics. The Committee agreed that we will not do a special electronics recycling event at this time and will continue to take electronics at Spring clean-up.

**Clean Communities Program:** R. Georgett said feedback that Committee members have should be sent to her directly.

**Municipal Composting – collaboration with Ag Advisory:** A. Castellano said we need to identify someone to connect with Mike Mills who is now the Chair of Ag. Advisory. R. Georgett will invite him to the next meeting.

**Recycling Table at Color Run (May 9, 2020):** S. Kadlec said she will coordinate this and needs to find out what material and activities the committee would like to have there. A. Castellano described some games that folks ran at other tables during last year's Color Run. R. Georgett said she will connect S. Kadlec with J. DiMao who has great ideas and materials that could be used. She continued that the giveaway items are available as well as the items shown at the last meeting. S. Kadlec asked if the CC flier would be available by then, and R. Georgett said hopefully we will.

**INVOICES:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A. Castellano explained that she has found an outlet for animal food bags that people bring in for Depot and we have been collecting. She had described this in a email distributed to the Committee – see attached. A. Castellano explained that this resource makes things from the bags, and it's good reuse. She continued that the Committee would be overwhelmed if everyone brought them in and so this will not be advertised. When bags come in they can be collected by animal, and taken.



Animal food bags  
outlet A Castellano email 3-3-2020.pdf

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OPEN TO PUBLIC – Seeing no members of the public present, M. Gunn made a motion seconded by T. Rue to close to the public that was carried unanimously with no objection or abstention.**

**OPEN TO COMMITTEE – No comment.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by M. Gunn which was seconded by T. Rue and carried unanimously with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:34 p.m.**

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Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator