

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
April 5, 2022 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE**

The regular meeting of the Recycling Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM on April 5, 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	9/6/2022	10/4/2022	11/1/2022	12/6/2022
Alison Castellano	X		X	X								
Susan Kadlec	X		X	X								
Erica Johanson	*		*	*								
Mark Gunn	*		X	X								
Chantal Napoleon	*		A	*								
Mike Petrus	X		X	X								
Thomas Manzo	na		X	*								
Jenna Bloom Township Committee (non voting)	X		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**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC –**Seeing no member of the public present, **M. Gunn made a motion that was seconded by S. Kadlec to close to the public that was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES -** The minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting was put forward and **M. Gunn made a motion that was seconded by T. Manzo to accept the minutes with minor edits was unanimously carried.**

**APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS – no comment**

**REPORTS -**

**Quarterly Report Updates:**

**Township Quarterly Report –** A. Castellano said the individual report outs will cover this content.

**Depot Report – March -** M. Gunn provided a verbal summary of the March Depot and said essentially all was good with lots of TREX collected.

**April** – S. Kadlec provided a verbal summary and said the electronics collection went well. She continued that there was very little trash/junk before or after the Depot. A Castellano reminded everyone that the Depot lead is responsible for coordinating removal of all items collected including TREX, Terra-Cycle, etc. before the next month’s Depot. She continued that this doesn’t mean the lead needs to move it all but just ensure it is done.

**DEPOT LEAD & GRIT YARD OPENING ASSIGNMENTS**

NOTE: 4/30/22 Spring Clean Up		
May 7, 2022	C. Napoleon	
May 21, 2022 (Grit Yard)	C. Napoleon	
June 4, 2022	M. Petrus	
July 2, 2022	M. Gunn	
August 6, 2022	S. Kadlec	
September 3, 2022	A Castellano	
October 1, 2022	C. Napoleon	
November 5, 2022	M. Gunn	
December 3, 2022		

**TREX Recycling** – A. Castellano said an Eagle Scout came to help with TREX at the Depot, and a woman from the church will see if they want to do another bench. She continued that the Recycling Committee is now doing a second bench in a row because there haven’t been volunteer groups stepping forward. C. Napoleon said she will update and repost requests for groups to volunteer, and that she has ordered the last bench. R. Georgett asked if anyone had reached out to The Rescue Squad and/or Fire Department and C. Napoleon will reach out to them. She is also in touch with a group of girl scouts that may be interested. A. Castellano said she will also follow up with the 4-H groups because they could then have them at the Fairgrounds.

**Styrofoam** - M. Gunn said it will probably need to be taken away after the next Depot.

**Clean Communities (CC) and Tonnage Reporting** - R. Georgett said 2019 Tonnage funds were just received in the amount of \$4080, and these funds are used to cover Depot dumpsters as long as it lasts. A. Castellano said she and R. Georgett still need to finalize the Clean Community plan. R. Georgett said she is moving forward purchasing items previously discussed including caps/hats, reusable straws, fabric bags, etc. A. Castellano said purchasing a foam palace this year is not going to happen but the funds are being held for a future purchase.

**Township Committee:** J. Bloom said there is no Township Committee business to report. S. Kadlec asked what will happen if costs continue to go up and the new rates discussed for Spring Clean Up aren’t sufficient. A. Castellano walked through the approval timeframe and said that it will give us time to see how things go this year. Then the Committee can make a more informed decision on new rates. J. Bloom said she will put the Ordinance revision proposal review with the Township Committee until after this takes place.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

**Foam Palace:** Standing item – no update.

**Depot SOP:** M. Gunn said minor updates will be made to the SOP and it will be uploaded into the shared google drive.

**Ordinance Update:** J. Bloom said the Recycling Committee Ordinance is in process. No updates at this time.

**Spring Clean Up:** M. Petrus asked if volunteers were needed and A. Castellano said there are resources lined up including DPW, Rescue Squad, Republic Services, etc. and DPW will be handling metal collection. She continued that we will get tonnage for this and no tires. A. Castellano said residents are required to get a certificate stating that the refrigerant has been removed and she has a resource who will come to a person's home & remove it with the refrigerant. She will add information about this resource to the Spring Clean Up Day flier. A. Castellano said only a couple of volunteers are needed to collect money and therefore A. Castellano and S. Kadlec will do this.

**Color Run:** A. Castellano said the date has been changed to May 14<sup>th</sup> because there is a big fund raiser bike ride on May 7<sup>th</sup> leaving from Unionville Winery. She continued that May is busy so that's unfortunate, and R. Georgett can't attend on May 14<sup>th</sup>. R. Georgett will coordinate with Alison, the Environmental Commission Administrator, to have a table together and this will automatically provide support for Sue. Erica will be there for EC and help both areas. R. Georgett said she will provide educational information about clean community info, Delitter Bug Tattoos, Mini-Grant information, and reusable bags to give away. A. Castellano said Sue can take a table from the recycling shed to use and should try to bring a tent if rain is expected.

**NEW BUSINESS – None**

**OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE** – S. Kadlec said the larger dumpsters works very well for the paper and should be continued. M. Gunn shared that a resident brought 5,000 to 6,000 small boxes that had not been broken down and it was a huge drop off!! All were happy that she recycled them!

**CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion was made by M. Gunn which was seconded by M. Petrus and carried with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.**

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Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator