

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
July 5, 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 7:32 PM on July 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	X	X	X					
Susan Kadlec	X		X	X	X	X	X					
Erica Johanson	*		*	*	E	*	E					
Mark Gunn	*		X	x	X	X	X					
Chantal Napoleon	*		A	*	X	X	X					
Mike Petrus	X		X	X	X	A	X					
Thomas Manzo	na		X	*	A	A	A					
Jenna Bloom Township Committee (non voting)	X		X	X	X	A	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 – A. Castellano said that sadly Mike Petrus has resigned from the Committee and Mike said that he is refocusing on family matters. He continued that he would continue to help at the Depot and will let Alison or Mark know if he can't. A. Castellano said we need more committee members and they need to be “doers” primarily helping at the Depot. She asked everyone to think of ideas for new members and ask them to help us out. Jason Bloom is a great help at the Depot!

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 June 14, 2022 meeting was put forward and **M. Gunn made a motion that was seconded by S. Kadlec to accept the minutes was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS – none.

REPORTS -

Quarterly Report Updates:

Depot Report – M. Gunn said it went well and the turnout was light due to the July 4th holiday. He said the dumpsters were mostly filled on Saturday and after the Depot there was a pile of cardboard boxes dropped but not broken down. There was some discussion regarding cardboard and agreed that it's not a problem but at times those who dump after Depot hours don't break them down. R. Georgett asked if she should research a resource that will take away cardboard if there was interest. It was agreed that if that would save the cost of a second dumpster, we should consider it. S. Kadlec said there were some complaints regarding the amount of Styrofoam had accumulated and R. Wolfe helped defuse the situation. M. Gunn said there were questions about why the Grit Yard is closed. A. Castellano said the person who used to do the work hasn't renewed the contract and there is no other resource with a reasonable quote for the work. She continued that township Committee needs to decide what to do and J. Silverthorn is continuing to get quotes so it can be reopened. DPW is working on this but it has been difficult. S. Kadlec asked if people could still get mulch and A. Castellano said yes, the procedure for delivery is on line or people could call Jason to discuss coming to pick up mulch.

Volunteers for the next depot: M. Gunn, M. Petrus, A. Castellano and C. Napoleon will all be at the August Depot that S. Kadlec is leading.

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

DATE	LEAD	VOLUNTEERS
August 6, 2022	S. Kadlec	M. Gunn, M. Petrus, A. Castellano and C. Napoleon
August 20, 2022 – Grit Yard?	S. Kadlec	
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		

TREX Recycling – C. Napoleon said the collections have gone down since the NJ Bag Ban and it was approximately 80 lbs at the last Depot. She will take care of transportation to Stop and Shop and there are no new volunteers. A. Castellano said she will contact the High School as previously agreed as a chance to get volunteer hours. There was some discussion about 4-H and M. Petrus said he reached out with no reply.

Styrofoam - M. Gunn said it needs to be hauled away and J. Silverthorn will do as soon as possible.

Clean Communities (CC) and Tonnage Reporting – R. Georgett said the 2nd Amwell Lake clean up was complete and a report submitted was distributed. She continued that there was a miscellaneous expense for Adobe subscription renewal of \$48. R. Georgett said there is approximately \$8,000 in Clean Community Fund reserves for purchasing equipment that has been slotted for a new Foam Palace but if that won't be purchased until 2023, some of these funds could be allocated to purchase of Water Filling Station

Township Committee: J. Bloom said both Ordinance changes have been approved, both the Recycling Committee membership increased to 11 and the Clean Up Day fee increase. A. Castellano asked R. Georgett to ensure the updated Ordinances are uploaded to the website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

Foam Palace: Standing item – no update.

VIP and website newflash: C. Napoleon will submit an article on Recycle Coach for September VIP and website. R. Georgett will prepare August website “recycle flash” with a summer theme.

Battery Boxes: R. Georgett said she will be ordering them and now has the right items to be ordered. M. Gunn said there are still a few unused boxes.

NEW BUSINESS –

NJDEP Recycling Awards Application: A. Castellano said there is an opportunity to self nominate for an award and it’s open to many organizations including Governments. R. Georgett said there are award funds for winners in different areas such as new Recycling Programs, and this may be a good area for us. A. Castellano asked R. Georgett to send out the application to everyone, and she will submit the application which is due by 28th.

OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – Nothing else

CORRESPONDENCE – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by M. Gunn which was seconded by C. Napoleon and carried with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator