

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING Via Zoom
 July 7, 2020 - TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Recycling Committee was called to order at 7:30 PM on July 7, 2020 as a virtual meeting held through Zoom 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, and a revised notice with the location change to a virtual Zoom meeting published on July 2, 2020 in 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	7/79/2020	8/11/2020	9/08/2020	10/06/2020	11/10/2020	12/08/2020
Will Harrison	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Alison Castellano	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Susan Kadlec	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Erica Johanson	-	-	E	X	X	X	X					
Tom Rue	X	X	X	X	E	X	A					
Mark Gunn	X	X	X	E	X	X	X					
Chantal Napoleon	X	E	X	X	X	7:32	A					
Tim Matthews	A	E	E	A	A	A	A					

Others present: Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett, Township Committee/Mayor Rick Wolfe

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – Seeing no members of the public present S. Kadlec made a motion that was seconded by A. Castellano to open to the public present that was carried with no objections or abstentions.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The minutes from the June 9, 2020 meeting were put forward and **S. Kadlec made a motion that was seconded by M. Gunn to accept the minutes without edit that was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

REPORTS -

Depot Report: July 2020 – Written report provided by W. Harrison is attached. A. Castellano said that Will’s comments about utilizing volunteers to avoid burning out committee members needs to consider that volunteers were intentionally limited due to COVID restrictions.

DEPOT LEAD & GRIT YARD OPENING ASSIGNMENTS

July 4, 2020	W. Harrison	Report provided
July 18, 2020 Grit Yard	A. Castellano	

August 1, 2020	S. Kadlec	
August 15, 2020 Grit Yard	S. Kadlec	
September 5, 2020	M. Gunn	
September 19, 2020 Grit Yard	M. Gunn	
October 3, 2020	T. Rue	
October 17, 2020 Grit Yard		

Township Committee Update – R. Wolfe said he and J Silverthorn went around the Foam Palace and J. Silverthorne’s recommendation is to replace rather than repair it getting a structure that would be better suited to this purpose. He continued that once J. Silverthorn obtains quotes, a decision on whether or not to purchase a new structure will be made. W. Harrison said when the decision is being made, he would like it if the recycling Committee can have input regarding this including having a ground floor structure with a large garage like door. R. Wolfe said that certainly the committee would be consulted and he hopes that there is be an option to be discussion in the near future. A Castellano said it would be good to consolidate and include what’s currently in the small shed. R. Wolfe said recycling is an increasingly larger part of the township, agreed it should be a structure that facilitates current and future needs, and that an affordable structure can be found and installed next year. It was agreed that the insurance company would be involved proactively.

Styrofoam Recycling: T. Rue was not present. W. Harrison said he had never seen the foam palace so cleaned out, and A. Castellano said T. Rue handled the Styrofoam and DPW staff helped with delivery. She continued that there was a large amount and clean out was well done. R. Wolfe asked A. Castellano if the school was going to get a Styrogenie and she replied that it seems to be low on the school’s priority list at this time.

TREX Recycling: C. Napoleon was not present. A. Castellano said she and the crew helped to clear out an enormous amount of material and continued to pound the TREX representative to begin collection again. She continued that the representative said the township should push local stores to begin collection again. A. Castellano said we are owed a bench by TREX and should discuss it next month. R. Wolfe said there are discussion regarding dedicating the bench.

OLD BUSINESS -

Recycling Education/Communication: R. Georgett said the flier went out with the tax mailing, and a color printer will be purchased with clean communities funds so that future fliers can be printed for distribution at the Depot and other events.

Recycle Coach (RC): R. Georgett said the June report was good with 19 hits on the site which although small was a large increase from 3 hits on May. She continued that after meeting with the Recycle Coach representative a download of our data was pulled into an excel spreadsheet for review and correction. R. Georgett will contact committee members for advice on making corrections.

Spring Clean-Up update: A. Castellano said the report was sent out this afternoon, is attached and summarized it for the committee. She noted that there was an issue with GoodWill leaving early claiming that the truck was full, and refusing furniture when it actually wasn’t full. W. Harrison asked that feedback be provided to GoodWill and A. Castellano said the feedback was given diplomatically. Ms. Castellano said the initial invoice from Republic was wrong and when the corrected one is sent either she or R. Georgett will send it to the committee. She continued saying that after all the planning and consideration, it was a great event and went well. W. Harrison thanked A. Castellano and all those who helped.

Municipal Composting questionnaire: R. Georgett said four committee members participated in the beta test and it is ready for posting on the website, facebook, etc and A. Castellano said she will do this.

INVOICES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: R. Georgett said the Recycling Conference will be virtual this year with weekly web based session on Wednesday, and the information for participation has been sent to committee members. She asked that if anyone participates in a session and would like to debrief the committee, let her know so it can be added to the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS: W. Harrison asked about whether the committee will be in the township building in August and R. Georgett said yes, the meeting will be set up in the large meeting room allowing space to appropriately social distance. She continued that CDC requirements will be followed. R. Wolfe said the Planning Board is planning to meet in person in August and will have a large square set up in the large meeting room. He continued that as a result the meeting room will already be nicely set up for this meeting.

A Castellano said regarding TerraCycle there are some changes to be communicated to the public and it is very difficult to retrain the public. She said that what's happening soon is Terra Cycle will not take chip bags and they will now be trash so please tell everyone about the change and she will be posting it.

OPEN TO PUBLIC – Seeing no member of the public present, A. Castellano made a motion seconded by E. Johanson to close to the public that was carried with no objection or abstention.

OPEN TO COMMITTEE – A. Castellano said that the information has been inconsistent on the time the grit yard opens and asked the committee if it should be opening at 8 am or 9 am. She suggested 8 am is a good time so people can go on their way to the Depot. W. Harrison suggested leaving the official time as 9 am and if it is opened early that is great.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by M. Gunn which was seconded by S. Kadlec and carried with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator