

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
 RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
 REGULAR MEETING
 August 11, 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 August 11, 2020 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 changed to the Township Municipal Building July 21, 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	X				
Alison Castellano	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Susan Kadlec	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
Erica Johanson	-	-	E	X	X	X	X	*				
Tom Rue	X	X	X	X	E	X	A	A				
Mark Gunn	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X				
Chantal Napoleon	X	E	X	X	X	7:32	A	*				
Tim Matthews	A	E	E	A	A	A	A	A				

Others present: Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The minutes from the July 7, 2020 meeting were put forward and M. Gunn made a motion that was seconded by S. Kadlec to accept the minutes without edit that was carried with no objections or abstentions.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

REPORTS -

Depot Report: August 2020 – S. Kadlec provided a written report, which is attached, and summarized the details. She said that one resident did complain that volunteers were not wearing masks and she informed them that they were social distancing appropriately. W. Harrison said that he will lead the Depot in November.

DEPOT LEAD & GRIT YARD OPENING ASSIGNMENTS

August 1, 2020	S. Kadlec	
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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		
November 10, 2020	W. Harrison	
November 21, 2020 Grit Yard		

Township Committee Update – No one present.

Styrofoam Recycling: T. Rue was not present.

TREX Recycling: C. Napoleon said she did not feel that a new bench would begin until there is a group to run the project or a number of volunteers step forward. A. Castellano said the 4-H was supposed to take the next bench but they are not meeting, and she agreed that collections should not begin again until there is a group to run the project. C. Napoleon said the new bench we are owed will be white and A. Castellano said it may be placed at Clawson Park dedicated to someone during a Friday Night in the Park. She continued that once the plan is confirmed with R. Wolfe, details will be forwarded to R. Georgett for distribution to the Committee. C. Napoleon said the trail association has been discussed in the past, and A. Castellano said they should get members to help with collection. C. Napoleon will reach out to them. R. Georgett said that under the Clean Communities Fund, there may be an opportunity to combine a TREX project with a mini-grant providing financial incentive in addition to getting a bench. She continued that the Ringoes Village Committee may be interested in this and could put a bench in the downtown area. A. Castellano said they could even rustle up other members of the community to get additional benches. W. Harrison asked if TREX is being collected at this time, and A. Castellano said they are not being advertised but are being accepted at the Depot only. She continued that the TREX boxes will not be put out until there is a group for the next project. It was agreed that once collections begin again, there are likely to be large quantities individuals have been holding onto coming in.

OLD BUSINESS -

Municipal Composting questionnaire: R. Georgett said there have been 90 replies to the questionnaire but getting more than 40 responses requires a paid subscription which has been requested. She continued that based on the first 40 responses 65 to 70% of the responses are both currently composting and interested in community composting. R. Georgett said that next month she will have a comprehensive report on the questionnaire responses. A. Castellano asked how much the subscription costs and R. Georgett explained that due to Monkey Survey subscription requirements, it is \$900 for a one year subscriptions with three memberships. She continued that because the primary membership will be for Clean Communities utilization and topics, it is being paid with Clean Communities Fund. R. Georgett said the Ringoes Village advisory committee and Environmental Commission will have input regarding Clean Communities projects and spending. There was further discussion regarding utilization of Clean Communities funds including the purchase of computer programs and a color printer that can be used for producing Clean Communities fliers and other literature.

INVOICES: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Township guidelines for COVID-19 during events: R. Georgett said that she has sent to the committee what the NJ Clean Community Group is using as a written summary of COVID-19 related safety guidelines. S. Kadlec asked if this would be posted on line, and used at the Depot and R.

Georgett said yes both. She then asked the committee if they felt those guidelines were good to use as a template for the township and it was agreed that they cover the basics. S. Kadlec asked if there were gloves in the Foam Palace for use when sorting and E. Johanson said there are gloves in the satchel. W. Harrison asked if gloves could be purchased with clean community funds and R. Georgett said only if the purchase is for a CC event. R. Georgett will check with K. Parsons to see if the township has gloves that can be used. R. Georgett said she will update the CC guidelines as an East Amwell document and send to A. Castellano for publishing.

Terra Cycle Collection of Food Storage Containers: R. Georgett asked the committee if they wanted to add this to the program. A. Castellano said she will check with the Sharon Ernst since they are responsible for Terra Cycle and will also find out if the school will allow Terra Cycle to be stored there. There was further discussion regarding the status of the Terra Cycle program, collections and sending product in. A. Castellano said she will advise R. Georgett after speaking with S. Ernst whether to add this to Recycle Coach or not. W. Harrison asked if this program was specific to Rubber Maid brand, and A. Castellano said no, all brands are being taken by Rubber Maid. W. Harrison said without the program they could go into regular recycling. S. Kadlec asked if there was a concern that people have been cleaning out their homes, and would it be problematic if there is an influx. R. Georgett said that may be better because a high volume early on would allow us to send it out sooner than later. A. Castellano said because this would go under the school, they should decide and W. Harrison said this should go on the next agenda for follow up.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by M. Gunn which was seconded by S. Kadlec and carried with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator