

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 6, 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 7:35 PM on October 6, 2020 by R. Georgett.

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
<b>Will Harrison</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	A		
<b>Alison Castellano</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7:43		
<b>Susan Kadlec</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
<b>Erica Johanson</b>	-	-	E	X	X	X	X	*	*	*		
<b>Tom Rue</b>	X	X	X	X	E	X	A	A	X	Na	Na	Na
<b>Mark Gunn</b>	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	E		
<b>Chantal Napoleon</b>	X	E	X	X	X	7:32	A	*	E	*		
<b>Tim Matthews</b>	A	E	E	A	A	A	A	A	A	A		

*Others present: Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett*

R. Georgett notified the Committee that T. Rue had resigned.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES -** The minutes from the September 9, 2020 meeting were put forward and **A. Castellano made a motion that was seconded by S. Kadlec to accept the minutes without edit that was carried with no objections and C. Napoleon abstained.** R. Georgett said typo corrections can be sent after the fact.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA –** S. Kadlec said the Committee should discuss how to bring on new members and this was added under New Business.

**REPORTS -**

**Depot Report: October 2020 –** T. Rue lead the October Depot however no written report was provided. A. Castellano said she was there and T. Rue set up/took away the signs but wasn't present during collection. She continued that it was R. Wolfe, M. Castellano, herself and Adam, a youth helper, present and there were 58 cars on a sunny day. There was 71 lbs of TREX collected, a small amount of Terra-Cycle and it was generally light with the cardboard 50% full and the other one 30% full. She said that by the end of Sunday both dumpsters were full but after breaking down boxes it was OK. A. Castellano said someone tried to put an old dog crate into the dumpsters and they did not allow it. There is a new code on the shed and it will be shared with committee members or as needed

only. Anyone with a legitimate need should contact R. Georgett, A. Castellano or C. Napoleon to gain access to the shed. A. Castellano said the Community volunteers should bring a paper for you to sign acknowledging their presence, and if not, there is a sheet in the satchel binder for this.

**DEPOT LEAD & GRIT YARD OPENING ASSIGNMENTS**

October 3, 2020	T. Rue	No Written Report – see above
October 17, 2020 Grit Yard	A. Castellano	NA
November 7, 2020	W. Harrison	
December 5, 2020	S. Kadlec	
January 2, 2021		
January 16, 2021 Grit Yard		

**Township Committee Update** – No one present.

**Styrofoam Recycling:** R. Georgett said that T. Rue said he will continue to coordinate Styrofoam collection and the committee will need someone to report on when collection is needed. E. Johanson said the Depot Lead can monitor this, let the Committee know and advise T. Rue when collection is needed. R. Georgett said she can also contact T. Rue as needed and that the DPW crew maybe able to do the delivery without assistance. E. Johanson said Styrofoam collected needs to be pristine to be accepted at the Depot, and S. Kadlec asked if collections are needed every month. A. Castellano said this can be moved under Depot on the Agenda for future reporting. She also said we need to find out if T. Rue will continue to bag it as well and R. Georgett will follow up.

**TREX Recycling:** C. Napoleon said this is back up and running and thanked E. Johanson and A. Castellano for their help with this. She continued that the boy scouts are going to help, there was a large amount of plastic already collected and they have the key to the shed to pick it up next week. C. Napoleon said there are Community Service volunteers helping as well and they will continue after the boy scouts have their full 500 lbs collected. She continued that stores that take TREX plastic are only taking very small amount, so it means many trips to deliver and this will slow down the process. A. Castellano said as long as many folks help it will go to various locations and shouldn't be bad. She continued that it's nice to delivery all at once but this can work also, especially with the boy scouts on board. There was discussion regarding what Stop and Shop said about deliveries, what size delivery they will take, etc.

**Municipal Composting:** E. Johanson said she has contacted M. Mills who said he will be contacting R. Wolfe to discuss ideas for this and he will copy her. She will follow up and report again next month.

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**INVOICES:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Recruiting New Committee Members – A. Castellano said Mark had a discussion with a new resident who came to the Depot and they may be interested in Recycling and/or Environmental Commission membership. She also knows some individuals associated with the school who are interested. S. Kadlec asked how many members there should be and R. Georgett said it is in the Code. A. Castellano said it is hard to get new volunteers during COVID for hands on activities like this, and once things open up Committee members should ask a few people. E. Johanson suggested we reach out to those on the volunteer list as well but there was discussion that

they are probably already aware of the need. It was agreed that the best way to get new members is asking those you know.

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

C. Napoleon asked if we were promoting collection of Halloween Candy Wrappers this year, and A. Castellano said it will be less activity but yes. C. Napoleon said she will update the flier and post it.

A. Castellano said questions about what to do with collection of various items, can they be recycled/where are they collected, keep coming in through the Facebook page and increasing promotion of Recycle Coach as well as the Hunterdon County events being run is needed. R. Georgett suggested adding statements like “for electronics recycling click here” and place a link to the County webpage. A. Castellano said this should be done on both the website and the Facebook pages which are a major source for resident questions. She continued that certain items that come in are good for repurposing and she often takes these home to post as free on our Facebook page.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by S. Kadlec which was seconded by A. Castellano and carried with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

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Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator