

**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
RECYCLING COMMITTEE MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 10, 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 November 10, 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. 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 - * attendance via Zoom)

| 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 |
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| Will Harrison | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | A | X | |
| Alison Castellano | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | 7:43 | X | |
| Susan Kadlec | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Erica Johanson | - | - | E | X | X | X | X | * | * | * | * | |
| Tom Rue (resigned 10/2020) | X | X | X | X | E | X | A | A | X | Na | Na | Na |
| Mark Gunn | X | X | X | E | X | X | X | X | X | E | X | |
| Chantal Napoleon | X | E | X | X | X | 7:32 | A | * | E | * | * | |
| Tim Matthews | A | E | E | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | |

Others present: Coordinator, Rosemary Georgett

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

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - The minutes from the October 6, 2020 meeting was put forward and **A. Castellano made a motion that was seconded by M. Gunn to accept the minutes with one correction was carried with no objections or abstentions.**

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – New Business: Select a date for the Recycling Committee reorganization meeting in January 2021.

REPORTS -

Depot Report/Styrofoam: November 2020 – W. Harrison provided a written report and summarized it saying that there was quite a bit of material, in particular boxes, that were put in the dumpster Friday and not broken down. He continued that several boxes had Styrofoam in them and there was also some electrical equipment. W. Harrison continued that the name and address was on the boxes, and the information was provided to Mayor Rick Wolfe. He continued that everything went well and thanked Alison for getting the names of Scouts who came to help.

W. Harrison said there is some Styrofoam but not enough to require taking it away. A. Castellano asked about the process with Styrofoam and R. Georgett said that the Depot Lead should report whether there is enough Styrofoam collected to require it being taken away as W. Harrison had some. She will advise T. Rue when it needs to be removed, and he will bag it and coordinate hauling it away

with the DPW. S. Kadlec asked if the Grit Yard would continue to be opened an additional weekend. A. Castellano said it would be opened for the collection of Christmas trees in January but then not again until Spring. It was agreed that the Grit Yard would be opened on January 16, 2021. A. Castellano said she will led the Depot in January 2021 and there was discussion regarding needing more volunteers/committee members. Ideas were exchanged regarding how to invite new members, and it was agreed that each committee member would ask a few individuals they know, and residents who come to the Depot would also be asked. A. Castellano said the Township Committee is also working on getting new members for many committees.

DEPOT LEAD & GRIT YARD OPENING ASSIGNMENTS

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| November 7, 2020 | W. Harrison | Report provided |
| December 5, 2020 | S. Kadlec | |
| January 2, 2021 | A Castellano | |
| January 16, 2021 Grit Yard | A Castellano | |
| February 6, 2021 | | |
| March 6, 2021 | | |

Township Committee Update – No one present. W. Harrison asked if there was an update on painting the foam palace, and A. Castellano said that at a previous meeting Rick Wolfe said he would consider this as part of the overall township building/property plan. A. Castellano said she will follow up with J. Silverthorn and report back at the next meeting. There was further discussion regarding the issue of dumping before/after Depot and non-residents using the dumpsters that was referred to the Township Committee for advice. R. Wolfe had said that he would follow up on this and R. Georgett said that he will come to a meeting if we invite him. The Committee discussed whether having camera surveillance would help address the issue, that there is the question of having an Ordinance and enforcement if this was done. A. Castellano said maybe making skins for 2 new signs stating there is video surveillance and having the signs placed out as soon as the dumpsters arrive. E. Johanson said that is a good idea and A. Castellano said they cost approximately \$25 each. A. Castellano said she would follow up on the issue R. Wolfe and J. Silverthorn and also come up with language for the signs.

A motion was made by M. Gunn and seconded by A. Castellano to purchase two new sign skins for approximately \$25 each to mitigate dumping issues that was carried with no objections or abstentions.

TREX Recycling: C. Napoleon said the Scouts are project leads with 140 lbs collected, and A. Castellano said after the Scouts meeting the total is up to 280 lbs. They continued that the Scouts are on top of this and it’s progressing well. A. Castellano said we are on our 8th bench and have collected a total of 3,780 lbs of plastic, and that she will put together an article for the local paper when we hit 4,000 lbs. R. Georgett said this article can be paid for with Clean Communities funds because plastic bags are litter.

Municipal Composting: E. Johanson said there is no update on this, and asked if anyone has another email address for Mike Mills. R. Georgett said she will check and A. Castellano said it has been a busy season for farming, so now may be a good time to reach out again.

OLD BUSINESS - None

INVOICES: A motion was made by M. Gunn and seconded by A. Castellano to purchase a mucking shovel for approximately \$35 that was carried with no objections or abstentions.

CORRESPONDENCE/NEW BUSINESS: R. Georgett said the America Recycles Day information promoting the Recycle Coach App may be good for promotion this month, and A. Castellano said she will include this with a promotion based on timing – either America Recycles Day or Thanksgiving. She continued that the website recycling information has been updated as well including information about “keep the caps on” for plastic caps.

W. Harrison exemplified that the Reorganization meeting is to establish roles and meeting dates for the year, begin talking about clean up day, etc. A. Castellano said that she has a conflict with the second Tuesday of the month and asked if the committee meeting date can be changed to the first Tuesday. There was some discussion and committee members agreed the first Tuesday was fine. W. Harrison said this may mean the meeting is before the Depot in a given month, and it was agreed that this was OK. The Recycling Committee reorganization meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 1/5/2021 and the complete 2021 schedule will be determined at the reorganization meeting.

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

OPEN TO THE COMMITTEE – no comment

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by M. Gunn which was seconded by E. Johanson and carried with no objections or abstentions to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Rosemary Georgett, Recycling Coordinator