

MINUTES

HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

**Thursday, March 9, 2006
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.**

Members Present: David Rathbun, David Bowen, Lorane Black, Mary Bigelow, Barbara Hutchinson, and Thomas Scelfo

Also Present: Town Civil Engineer Al Perry, and citizen Robert Wawrzeniak

Members Absent: Kate Fleming, Elizabeth Boissard, and Eric Johnson

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

The Committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Minutes

Lorane Black made a Motion to approve the amended Minutes of the Meeting of February 9, 2006. David Bowen seconded the Motion. All members were in favor and none opposed. The Motion was passed.

4) Correspondence

David Rathbun presented postcard he received regarding the NRRA's 25th Anniversary Recycling Conference and Exposition taking place June 5-6, 2006 in New Hampshire.

5) MS4 Storm Water Management Update

Town Civil Engineer Al Perry distributed copies of a Memo from he and Kurt Weiss to this Committee dated March 9, 2006 summarizing the progress of the Town's MS4 program. With regard to the outfall and catch basin cleaning, partial work was completed in 2005, due to the limit of work the Department of Public Works staff could devote to this project. They will request outside assistance to complete the work. Regarding the catch basin stenciling, 522 catch basins were stenciled, and the free supply has been depleted. Mr. Perry is exploring other

stencils that may be available at a lesser cost. The street sweeping for 2005 has been completed (entire Town), and work for 2006 will begin in the spring. The 2005 Annual Report was submitted to the DEP, and a copy is posted on the Town website in the Public Works Department section. A lucite display rack was installed in the foyer area of the Town Hall for the display of brochures, etc. Lastly, interviews are in progress for companies interested in redesigning the Town website.

6) HazWaste Report

Mary Bigelow stated that the Electronics Collection will take place at the Lincoln Middle School in Meriden on either May 6th or May 13th. The Education Committee is working on window static clings for HazWaste Central to be handed out to residents using the facility, and they are looking for a “catchy” phrase to be used. She distributed a copy of a previous year’s flyer for the Nike Reuse-a-Shoe Program, where used sneakers will be collected at various Town buildings to be then turned over for processing into athletic surfaces. The flyer will be updated and distributed. Our Town collection can go to Yale for their “sneaker mound.”

7) Results of First Month’s Offering of the Welcome Kit

David Rathbun reported that 15 postcards were mailed out to new residents, and 3 Welcome Kits were distributed.

8) 2006/2007 Budget Proposal

David Rathbun met with Town Manager Karl Kilduff and presented the Committee’s proposed budget. Mr. Kilduff suggested that the requested position of Recycling Coordinator might be more feasible if the hours were dropped down from 19 hours to 10 hours per week.

9) Open Items:

Preparation for Spring Opening of Leaf Drop-Off Center: Lorane Black stated that the drop-off center opens on April 15th and runs for four weeks. She has the first Saturday filled with volunteers, and she has left messages with several civic groups (Boy Scouts, Rotary Club, Women’s Club) to obtain volunteers for the other dates.

Preparation for North Branford Recycles Day: A date has been set for May 6th at Totoket Valley Park. A rolloff container will be placed at the location. Batteries, oil, and tires @ \$1.00/tire will be accepted. Recycling bins and discounted composters will be sold.

Status of Parks and Recreation Commission’s Budget Regarding Proposed Recycling Containers at Town Parks and Fields: Recreation Director Pam Gery had presented the Commission’s proposed budget to Town Manager Karl Kilduff who wanted to be in contact with John’s Refuse. Mary Bigelow advised that Councilor Andrew Bozzuto stated at a Town Council meeting that his company, John’s Refuse, would supply and empty the containers at the Town’s parks and fields at no cost. Mr. Kilduff will check the current contract to verify that the containers should be placed and emptied at no cost.

10) Other Business

Volunteers for April 1, 2006 Paper Collection: David Rathbun advised that Eric Johnson and Kate Fleming will be scheduled as volunteers.

Future Articles for Totoket Times and The Sound: Barbara Hutchinson will submit for publication an early notice regarding the upcoming electronics collection in Meriden in May, and articles regarding North Branford Recycles Day (May 6th), and the Nike sneaker collection which will take place during the month of April.

Miscellaneous: Lorane Black has been reappointed to the Committee and sworn in. The SBC telephone book recycle bin has been replaced in front of the paper drop off center. A total of 55 vehicles visited the paper drop off center, and 2 recycle bins were sold. The creation of a 30 minute video on recycling was again discussed. Barbara Hutchinson will check in the school system for volunteers. A discussion will be held at the April meeting regarding the Committee's participation once again in the Town's Memorial Day Parade.

11) Citizen's Statements

Robert Wawrzniak commended the Committee for the work they are doing which has merit. He recognizes that the greatest problem is public awareness and education about recycling. He believes that reaching children in the school system is a great asset, as they will bring that knowledge back into the home and then educate their parents. He also feels that the position of the proposed recycling coordinator is a good idea.

12) Adjournment

There being no further business, Thomas Scelfo made a Motion, seconded by Barbara Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed, and the Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette M. Marshall, Clerk