

**Minutes**  
**Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee**  
**Thursday, April 8, 2004**  
**North Branford Town Hall Council Chambers**

**Members Present:** Chairman David Rathbun, Mary Bigelow, Barbara Hutchinson, Kate Fleming, Lorane Black, Thomas Scelfo, Margaret Hrabchak, Sharon Montesi

**Members Absent:** David Bowen and Patricia Darragh

**Others Present:** Michael Betz, Purchasing Assistant

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman David Rathbun called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The following corrections were made by David Rathbun to the Minutes of the Thursday, March 11, 2004 meeting - on page 2, last paragraph "Barbara Hutchinson suggested that the ordinance be spelled out as opposed to as **to** his..... should read Barbara Hutchinson suggested that the ordinance be spelled out as opposed to as his....." (second "to" should be deleted from sentence). And on page 3 Under Item 9 - Open Items - "Representataive Ward... should read Representative Ward....." Representative spelled incorrectly.
4. **Correspondence:** Jeanette Marshall passed information on to David Rathbun on the 4<sup>th</sup> AAA Annual Battery Roundup, which will take place on April 17-25. Drop-off locations are Branford Dodge-Branford, Firestone Tire-Branford, Premier Subuaru-Branford and McDermott-Chevrolet-East Haven.  
Recycle Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 - Fran would need to get a roll-off contained before May 1. Mixed paper container needs to be empty. Michael Betz will take care of both containers being emptied.  
Lorane Black mentioned she received literature from Jeanette Marshall about a program called "Zoots and Shoots" which is sponsored by Tom's from Maine (maker of toothpaste). The program started 1991, this program sponsor, a cleaner environment.  
Mary Bigelow had promotional handouts about "Great American Cleanup" and "Keeping American Clean".

5. **Report from Michael Betz:** Purchasing Assistant Michael Betz informed the committee that a RFP for curbside trash pick up is completed and has been mailed out to the vendors. Deadline and opening of the bid will be on April 23. Michael Betz will report to committee at the next regular scheduled meeting.
6. **HazWaste Report:** Mary Bigelow reported the Electronic Satellite will be held in Cheshire this Spring and the Town of North Branford will not participate. The Town will participate in the Fall along with North Haven or Hamden. Mary Bigelow spoke on two acting Bills that are before the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly. Bill number 450 which is "An Act Concerning Advanced Disposal Fees and Grants to Municipalities for Recycling and Clean Comprehensive Litter Abatement and Prevention." Still in Congress. In addition, Bill number 43 which is "An Act Repealing the Refund Value of Certain Beverage Containers." Mary Bigelow mentioned Chairman David Rathbun and Town Manager Karl Kilduff would be attending a seminar on Recycle Coalition on May 11. Mary Bigelow can not attend the Recycle Coalition Seminar; Mary will be attending the HazWaste Central Meeting on the same day.
7. **Final Preparation for "Garage Sculpture Contest":** Lorane Black has met with Pam Gery from Park & Recreation about displaying the "garage sculpture" at the Community Center. Ms. Gery thought it was a wonderful idea. The Community Center has a large room where the sculpture can be displayed. After a length discussion and due to lack of time, it was decided to wait until next year to have the "Garage Sculpture Contest".
8. **Discussion and Preparation for "North Branford Recycles Day":** North Branford 's Recycle Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 1 at the Public Work's Facility. The town will be accepting tires at a fee of \$1.00 per tire, batteries and motor oil. Composter can be purchased at \$10 and recycle bins will be \$3.00. Sharon Montesi asked if children from the North Branford School Recycle Club are allowed to participate at the Recycle Center, such as the Women Club. David Rathbun thought it was a good idea but Town Manager, Karl Kilduff would need to approve the idea.
9. **Open Items:**
  - Replenishment of Recycling Bins (Approximately 70 Left):* Purchasing Assistant, Michael Betz is doing research on the vendor and cost of recycle bins. The last time the recycle bins were purchased was approximately 5 years ago. Mary Bigelow was wondering if monies were put in a general fund to cover upcoming cost of the new bins. Michael Betz will also look into this matter and report to the committee.
  - Contact with Dr. Wolfe Regarding School Curriculum For Recycling:* Nothing has been in placed as of yet due to budget review.

**10. Other Business:**

*Volunteer for May Paper Collection & North Branford Recycles Day:* David Rathbun, Sharon Montesi, David Bowen and Margaret Hrabchak (half of day) are the committee members that will be volunteering their time.

*Future Articles for Totoket Times:* Margaret Hrabchak and Barbara Hutchinson will be working on an article for the upcoming Totoket Times. The article will focus on Earth Day and the North Branford Recycles Day on May 1 at the Mixed Paper Recycling Center.

*Miscellaneous:* Sharon Montesi and Kate Fleming questioned "where and how should newspaper get recycled in the schools"? In October, this committee met with representatives from ADS and still waiting for answer. Michael Betz will report at the next scheduled meeting.

Lorane Black made a suggestion that next year's "Leaf Drop-Off" center should open later in the season, mid-April to mid-May, instead of the beginning of April. Opening the center later in the season will give resident more time to clean up their yards.

**11. Citizen's Statements:** None

**12. Adjournment:** There being no further business, Kate Fleming made a motion, seconded by Barbara Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina A. Cox  
Sub-Clerk