

## MINUTES

### HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

**Thursday, December 11, 2003  
Town Hall Conference Room  
7:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** David Rathbun, Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Barbara Hutchinson, Margaret Hrabchak, and Sharon Montesi. Also present was Purchasing Assistant Michael Betz.

**Members Absent:** Lorane Black, David Bowen, Kate Fleming, and Patricia Darragh.

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by David Rathbun at 7:45 p.m.

**2) Pledge of Allegiance**

A flag was not available in the conference room in which the meeting was being held.

**3) Approval of Minutes**

The following corrections were made by Barbara Hutchinson to the Minutes of the November 13, 2003 meeting:

“11) Other Business” Last paragraph, “Del” is amended to read “Dell”.

Tom Scelfo then made a Motion to approve the Minutes, as amended. Margaret Hrabchak seconded the Motion. Sharon Montesi abstained; all else were in favor; none opposed, and the Motion was passed.

**4) Correspondence**

David Rathbun stated that there was no correspondence to report on.

**5) Report from Michael Betz**

Michael Betz advised the members that he had nothing to report on.

**6) Volunteers for January Paper Collection**

The December paper collection of December 6, 2003 was canceled due to the inclement weather. David Rathbun stated that he and David Bowen would volunteer for the January paper collection, as they were the volunteers for the canceled December date.

**7) Haz Waste Report**

Mary Bigelow reported that the Town Council voted to let this Committee sponsor the June 2005 HazWaste collection in town. Ms. Bigelow will discuss it with HazWaste Central at its meeting next week. It was agreed that the satellite waste activity will take place on June 11, 2005, so that it will not coincide with the June 4<sup>th</sup> paper dropoff. Mike Betz stated that the cost of this collection will need to be budgeted for 2004-2005.

Ms. Bigelow further reported that Town Attorney John Gesmonde advised that Town Manager Karl Kilduff can collect a maximum fine of \$100 from residents who do not recycle in blue bins. There was a discussion as to the procedure, i.e., one or two warning letters initially, then implement the fine. Tom Scelfo read the "Violations and Penalties: Enforcement" section from the Town Ordinance (amended 1995). Mary Bigelow requested Mike Betz to have Karl Kilduff send all Committee members a current copy of the Town Ordinance addressing this issue. It was suggested the Ordinance be updated to have an actual step by step policy in place before moving into the enforcement stage. (i.e., tag the bags; warning letter sent to resident by Town Manager; second warning letter sent to resident; fine imposed; and then lien on property). Also, the disposal of scrap metal should be specifically addressed. The current language states the scrap metal must be separate from refuse, but it does not address where you can leave scrap metal out on your property during non-collection times, or penalties for doing so. Ms. Bigelow stated the Town Council would like this Committee to review and revise the Ordinance until the members are comfortable with it, and bring it to the Town Council for them to act on.

Mary Bigelow also advised the Town Council of the Dell Computer collection. She spoke with the HazWaste Central Fairfield representative, and reports that the CRRA has had a general discussion about renewing the idea of having electronic collections. She talked to Wallingford regarding our portion of the electronics billing, and the representative stated "We paid for it". It is still unclear whether they will be presenting a bill. Finance Director Anthony Esposito has advised that the funds are there waiting for payment. Ms. Bigelow will ask once more next week, since the funds are budgeted.

Lastly, Ms. Bigelow informed the members that Town Manager Karl Kilduff would like this Committee to re-do the recycle card for the coming year. David Rathbun suggested that a three member subcommittee be formed to address this issue. He volunteered to be on the subcommittee, and Margaret Hrabchak volunteered as well. Mr. Rathbun will request Lorane Black to be the third member of this subcommittee. Mr. Rathbun will contact other towns to see what they include on their cards. Mike Betz will advise Mr. Rathbun what Mr. Kilduff's suggested changes are, and the subcommittee will have a draft for presentation at the January meeting.

**8) Discussion Regarding Future Articles for Totoket Times**

David Rathbun stated that an article will appear in the *Totoket Times* reminding residents of the trash holiday delays for Christmas and New Year's Day. It will also remind residents that non-metallic gift wrapping paper is accepted as mixed paper. Lastly, Christmas trees placed at curbside will be picked up on the normal day of collection during the two week time period January 12 through January 23.

**9) Other Business**

Tom Scelfo distributed a copy of a pamphlet from SpaceFitters entitled "*Anyone Paying Attention To Your Company's IT Assets?*" which shows "The Poisons in a PC" and "The Life Cycle of a PC". This pamphlet deals with the recycling of a computer.

Mike Betz reported that the Town will look into the cost of including aseptic packaging (ie., milk and juice cartons and boxes) in our recyclables. They are collectables, but they are not in our current contract.

**10) Citizen's Statements**

There were no citizen's statements.

**11) Adjournment**

There being no further business, Barbara Hutchinson moved, seconded by Sharon Montesi, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed or abstained, and the Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jeanette M. Marshall, Clerk