

Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 8, 2011
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Elizabeth Boissard, Hank Petroskey, Daniel Armin, Donna Cordone, David Bowen, Deborah Anderson, Art Feldman and Nancy Ciancuilli

Members Absent: none

1) Call to Order

The discussion started at 7:35 p.m. by Chairperson Mary Bigelow.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

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

3) Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2011 No minutes were available.

4) Correspondence: Review of correspondence. Resource Recycling and Recycling Promotions' Magazines were passed around for review.

5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard

Branigan: Michelle passed around a bill she received from Rindge Energy concerning our collection of propane tanks. We will keep our prices the same for now but make changes to our card for January 2012. The costs will be as follows: 100 lb tanks- \$10, 30-60 lb tanks-\$1, 1 lb tanks-\$1, 'mutilated' tanks-\$1, and Helium tanks-\$5. There will still be no charge for disposal of 5-20 lb propane tanks. Michelle also reported we received a check from Got Books for \$76.02 which will go into the General Fund. Our HazWaste Central bill was \$3,645.87 for the period of 1/1/11 – 6/30/11 and has been paid.

6) Sub-Committee Reports:

Status of State Electronic Collection Plan- Thomas Scelfo- no report

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – Tom reported he sent an email to Richard Branigan on August 2, 2011 about the changes to the ordinance and Richard responded

on Aug. 18, 2011 stating there will be a Public Hearing on the ordinance at the Town Council Meeting on Sept.20, 2011. Tom reiterated that the ordinance applies to every person which includes businesses, schools and households.

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey and Dan Armin – Mary, Art and Deb met with Scott Schoonmaker and Bill Chiodi. The school's main concern was that John's refuse does not come early or often enough to pick up the garbage/recycling. They need to come at 6am before the teachers have parked their cars. It was discussed that this is a Contract issue between the Schools, the Town Manager and John's Refuse and that we, as a committee, should not be involved. Art felt our committee's focus in the school should be working with the children and staff. Other members mentioned their disenchantment with the response we have gotten from the schools to implement proper recycling. Andy Bozzuto was supposed to be at our meeting but he was in the hospital.

Public Relations – Art Feldman – Art handed out a new example of our new sign and discussed the cost of producing the sign. It was suggested he speak to Pete Deyo, of New Haven Sign, who has worked with the town before. We have \$150 to use in our budget from technical supplies. Art also did a sign inventory of our existing signs and we discussed what to keep and what to dispose. We discussed media responsibility and felt we are expanding our reach to different media. Now we need to ask people how they heard of us when they come in on Saturdays to see if our efforts are being successful.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz reported that she sent out 6 cards for August.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – Deb said she will update the message to include our e-waste collection date on October 1, 2011.

Bin Row Containers – David Bowen – Dave stated all the bins were ok except the phone books bin had been left open and rained on. He will call Easter Seals to empty their bin.

Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy – Nancy, Donna and Art have sent press releases to The Totoket Times, The Sound and Patch.com . We are all pleased that our information is getting in to so many papers.

Report on Preparations for Paper Drop-Off and North Branford Recycles Day - Mary asked Michelle to talk to Fran Merola about having a public works' employee at the event. The tire prices are as follows: \$5 car, \$10 truck and \$20 tractor. Deb mentioned she was at the building last Saturday and @ 10 people came with recycling and one propane tank was left.

Report Town Council – Nancy will attend the next meeting since the Trash/Recycling Ordinance is being discussed.

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Leaf Drop Off – Elizabeth Boissard – Liz will start to get volunteers for the fall dates.

7) Other Business:

- **Status regarding future appointments** We still have 2 vacancies.
- **Volunteers for October 1, 2011 Paper Drop Off and E-Waste Collection–** Donna, Nancy, Deb and Art volunteered.
- **Hazwaste Central volunteers for October 8, 2011** Liz volunteered.
- **Video Production for Cable –** Art will look at tapes that Mary gave to him when he gets time.
- **Update on search for MSW & Recycling disposal.** Richard still looking into it. Michelle will ask Richard what is going on for us.

8) Miscellaneous: Tom passed out information on The CT Freedom of Information Act which pertains to our minutes being typed and submitted in the appropriate time. Apparently it has been a problem for other committees as well and all staff is being required to go through training.

9) Citizen's Statement

10) Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Elizabeth Boissard, Recording Secretary
Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee