

**Minutes**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, October 13, 2011**  
**Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Hank Petroskey, Donna Cordone, David Bowen, Nancy Cianciulli, Deborah Anderson and Art Feldman

**Members Absent:** Elizabeth Boissard

**1) Call to Order**

The discussion started at 7:37 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 September 8, 2011**

Motion was made by Art Feldman and seconded by David Bowen to approve the amended minutes of September 8, 2011.

**4) Correspondence**

Review of correspondence – Nike card and WeRecycle! stat sheet were passed around for review.

**5) Report from Town Manager, Richard Branigan**

- a) Solid Waste/Recycling Ordinance – Nancy and Tom attended this meeting. Ordinance was passed; Richard will send each member a copy.
- b) Recycling at Schools – Richard will plan to meet with Scott Schoonmaker for progress in recycling compliance.
- c) Solid Waste/ Recycling and Hauling contracts' expiration – Both contracts will expire 6/2012. Plan is to look at shorter term contracts.
- d) Sub-committee appointment – Richard proposes to appoint a sub-committee through the Town Council which would include members from the Hazardous Waste/Recycling committee.
- e) CRRA tipping costs - Explained by Richard as per the CRRA contract.
- f) Brush curbside pickup from hurricane Irene – Took 9 ½ days to complete using equipment and labor partially contracted out. A seventy five percent (75%) reimbursement is expected from FEMA. There will be a lump sum bid for disposal of large brush collected or it will be partially contracted out.
- g) Cancellation communication for television – Nancy requested information to use Town Hall's cancellation notification system on WTNH Channel 8. Richard recommended calling the Police Dispatcher to add our cancellation to their notification.

**6) Sub-Committee Reports**

*Status of State Electronic Collection Plan – Thomas Scelfo* – Date in place for January 2012. Tom brought attention to several site pages on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) website including templates for signage for our review.

*School Liaison – Hank Petroskey* – Hank has no information at this time, but will be in touch with the Environmental Committee, run by Mrs. Palomini at the high school. It was decided to keep in touch with her for possible attendance at future meetings and/or to possibly join our committee. Art met with Bill Choti for school tours. Their discussions included: single stream recycling, dumpster access problems and bin variety usage noting that a better bin solution is needed. Bill Choti mentioned “The Pollution Solutions Girls” from the

Middle School. Art brought up setting up an Earth Day 2012 date to ensure sufficient time for appropriate preparation. It was also noted to possible coincide Earth Day with another town recycling event.

*Public Relations – Art Feldman – Signs* – Art handed out a new sign packet to review for our 2012 Recycling Card. Art reviewed all DVD media from Mary and determined all are too old. He will check with CRRA for current media. Art plans to meet with Gina to clean up our Hazardous Waste/Recycling committee section of the town website.

*Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard-* Mary reported for Liz that she sent out 5 cards for September. Mary noted Liz is handling the leaf drop schedule which was sent around for signup for dates: Oct 28<sup>th</sup> thru Nov 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson* – Deb said it is up and running. She included updated information, including dates for leaf drop off and paper recycling.

*Bin Row Containers – David Bowen* – Dave stated all the bins were in good shape, but will call again for the Easter Seals pickup. Committee discussed alternate options for the “Got Books” bin.

*Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy* – Press release for leaf collection and our town monthly recycling event will go out to The Sound and Totoket Times and North Branford Patch.

## **7) Other Business**

- Status regarding future appointments – We now have 3 vacancies.
- Volunteers for November 5, 2011 Recycle Drop Off – Nancy Cianciulli and Art Feldman volunteered.
- Mary read off the e-waste totals from WeRecycle! for Oct 1<sup>st</sup>: total cars participating – 170. Nancy reported for North Branford Recycles Day: total cars participating – 72.
- Mission Statement – committee to briefly discuss mission statement options at next meeting.
- 2012 Recycle Card – to be drafted along with a design decision of the Public Works building sign at next meeting.
- Nancy mentioned creating and sending a list of single stream appropriate items for all teachers.

## **8) Miscellaneous**

## **9) Citizen’s Statement**

**10) Adjournment** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Motion was made by Hank Petroskey and seconded by Art Feldman.

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Nancy Cianciulli and Donna Cordone, Recording Secretary  
Hazardous Waste/Recycling Committee