

**AGENDA MINUTES**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2010**  
**Town Hall**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Lorane Black, Laura Magaraci, David Bowen, Hank Petroskey and Daniel Armin

Members Absent: Deborah Anderson, Francis Conant, Elizabeth Boissard

Guest: Arthur Feldman (possible committee member)

- 1) Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order 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 February 11, 2010.  
Laura Magaraci moved, seconded by Hank Petroskey to approve the minutes of February 11, 2010, as amended, and the motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Correspondence  
Mary Bigelow passed out only a few pieces of mail received, including an Earth Day pamphlet.
- 5) Welcome Guest: Arthur Feldman, possible committee member. Art inquired as to whether or not there are any "regulations", such as individual statutes, for the Hazwaste Committee to follow. Tom stated that the Town has a recycling/garbage regulations and discussion followed regarding how the state mandates what can and cannot be recycled or collected.
- 6) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood  
Michelle reported that the John's Refuse contract is not renewable and is going out to bid again with the Town Council reviewing the specs. A Regional Water Authority Special Permit Application for Earth Day was received by the Town Manager and given to Mary Bigelow for review and Michelle will have Town Manager Branigan sign on behalf of the town. It was reported that all of the extra used furniture from the NBIS remodeling project is sitting in trailers behind Public Works and the Finance Director has recommended that this furniture be made available to the residents. Discussion followed and it was agreed that the Town will let Laura know when it will be ready and she can advertise same.
- 7) Sub-Committee Reports:  
Discussion/Action Update of Town Recycling Ordinance - Tom - The regulations have been submitted to the Regulatory Review Committee and is on their 4/26/10 agenda. If they "rubber stamp" it at that time, then the regulations become final shortly thereafter and once they are final we are then obligated to submit the plan and the people who want to be recyclers will be registered with the State and we can then get a list of authorized recyclers.  
Trash recycling Ordinance - Tom reported we have not heard anything back from the current Town Attorney.  
Discussion regarding CRCOG and what their intentions are followed specifically regarding who will be running everything, etc., including the fact that a draft MSA will be sent to all towns in April, with comments from each Town due back by the end of April.  
Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Mary reported that Liz sent out 6 welcome cards and thank you cards to volunteers.  
Answering Machine Information - Deborah Anderson - Machine's batter was dead and all information was lost, Debbie is reloading everything. Debbie also

mentioned that she spoke to a Scout Master regarding the scouts pitching in for Earth Day Clean Up and they were very receptive.

Public Relations - Laura Magaraci and Daniel Armin - Dan reported that he talked to Fran Merolo about Earth Day Clean Up and the only reservation he had was any work being performed near roadways and commented that it should be kept to all public places, such as parks, schools, etc. Laura reviewed her press release for Earth Day Clean Up. It was agreed that volunteers should sign a release prior to participating in the clean up.

Hank reported that he got an e-mail from teacher at TVES and is setting up a meeting as she is very interested in working with the committee, adding that they have an Ecoday scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> and invited the Committee Members to stop by and/or participate. Hank will get the pertinent information and pass it along to the members. He is still working on talking with the high school's environmental club teacher.

Town Council Report - New appointments were not brought up at the last Town Council Meeting even though Mary wrote a letter to the mayor requesting that they address this issue and putting together a declaration for Earth Day.

Publicity/Articles for Newspapers - Laura Magaraci - Laura reviewed all articles she has to go to print with the Committee.

Containers for Telephone Books - Dave will be calling next week to be emptied for phone books and the big paper roll out dumpster needs emptying also.

Results of March Paper Drop-Off and Propane Collection -March collection they had 47 people and one person brought in some sneakers.

Book collection - Laura reported that she has given Fran the information and Michelle will follow up with Fran.

Leaf Drop Off - Lorane Black - Lorane has 4 slots filled and she will start calling volunteer groups. Discussion regarding the composter followed with Dave reporting that he talked to Allen and Agway and they have written it off, adding that they did sell a few. It was agreed that the flyers will be handed out again and will be available at the recycling center.

8) Other Business:

Discussion Regarding Appointments: See discussion under Report to Town Council.

Volunteers for April 3<sup>rd</sup> North Branford Recycles Day Paper Drop-Off: Nancy, Liz and Mary can make it and perhaps Lorane.

9) Miscellaneous: This committee has decided to make a donation to "Wind Over Wings" in honor of Jeanette Marshall.

Mary reported that she was chosen to speak at Rotary about Hazwaste and said that they did not realize how much this group does and how long the Committee has been in existence.

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Hank reported that there will be an open house on April 17th for the Clean Living Center in Orange and you can get the information from their website.

10) Citizen's Statement: None

11) Adjournment

There being no further business, Hank Petrosky made a Motion, seconded by David Bowen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed, and the Motion passed.

Submitted by:

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Meaghan T. Campbell, Clerk