

AGENDA MINUTES
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, April 10, 2008
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Frances Conant, Thomas Scelfo, Deborah Anderson, Lorane Black, Elizabeth Boissard and Laura Magaraci
Also Present: Daniel M. Armin – Resident - possible committee member
Members Absent: Barbara Hutchinson, David Bowen, Kate Fleming and Hank Petroskey

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 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 March 14, 2008

Lorane Black stated that all references made to Lauren DeAngelo requires a spelling correction from “Lauren” to “Loren”. Also, page 3, number 8, paragraph 3, “**Discussion of Contest, Earth Day, Satellite and Green Businesses:** The contest will end on Earth Day, which will be April 22...” should read “...which will be May 3”. Frances Conant requested that her name be corrected from “Francis” to “Frances”. After the changes were noted, Lorane Black made a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2008, seconded by Thomas Scelfo, all were in favor and Elizabeth Boissard abstained.

4) Correspondence

Mary Bigelow presented the following mailings:

- Celebrating Earth Day
- Clear-Stream Information
- Medicare Pamphlet
- Brochure on Plastic Bags/Recycling Promos
- Article regarding trash fees
- Article written by Andrew Candelora
- New Haven Register Article regarding waste disposal
- Article regarding electronics recycling printed in the Totoket Times
- Keep America Beautiful literature

5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood

Leaf/Brush Disposal: Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood was not present at meeting, however submitted a report to Chairman Bigelow, who read the report into the record. The report provided information regarding the status of the location for disposal of collected leaves. Discussion by the members followed regarding the best solution for the disposal of leaves and active leaf composting sites. Member Black stated that she had been in contact with Steve “Skirodiak (sp?)” who stated that he would be willing to pick up collected leaves from curbs. Discussion regarding “leachate” and ground water followed.

Electronics Collection: Discussion regarding the continued use of the Ciro Road facility for the disposal of electronics followed.

Bulky Waste: The Sound had published an article listing a bulky waste pickup to take place on April 19, 2008. Discussion took place regarding a June 7, 2008 bulky waste pickup the Town of Wallingford is holding which North Branford residents can participate in. Some discussion then took place regarding the dates during which the Ciro Road facility would be in operation. Discussion followed regarding the placement of a list of permissible items for bulky waste drop off at the paper drop off site, as well as including a list in the welcome package.

6) High School Representative Report

- Lorane Black reported that she spoke with High School Representative, Loren DeAngelo, who was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Loren has obtained permission to hang posters in certain locations in the school to promote recycling.

7) HazWaste Report

-Mary Bigelow handed out a brochure received from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and indicated that the DEP had made some changes and those would be presented at the next meeting.

-Discussion regarding CRRA price listings.

8) Sub-Committee Reports:

Discussion/Action Update of Town Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo- Thomas Scelfo will check with Gina regarding the Town Manager’s review as he has not received any response to date.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Welcome packets have been put together. She is getting a list of new home sales for distribution of the welcome packets.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – No complaints have been received regarding the hotline.

Public Relations – Hank Petroskey and David Bowen – No report given, neither were present.

Council Report – Lorane Black and Deborah Anderson – Lorane Black and Deborah Anderson will be attending the next Town Council meeting to update the Town Council about this committee.

Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Barbara Hutchinson – Provided Mary Bigelow with copies of three articles which have either been published already or will be published in the near future.

Containers for Telephone Books – Francis Conant – Placed a call and is awaiting a response to when pick up will occur. Elizabeth Boissard stated that the recycling bin was empty as of the date of the meeting.

Results of March Paper Drop-Off and Propane Collection – David Bowen – No report given, was not present.

Volunteers – Lorane Black stated that the Environmental Club at the High School has volunteered to take the 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. slot on April 24th and there is one slot open for a volunteer on April 26th in the afternoon.

9) Other Business:

Discussion Regarding Appointments: Laura Magaraci was appointed with her term expiring on December 31, 2008. Deborah Anderson and Lorane Black will request the Town Council reappoint 3 of the 6 members with expired memberships at the next Town Council meeting and then request reappointment of the remaining 3 members at the following Town Council meeting.

Volunteers for May, 2008 Paper Drop-Off: The volunteers for May, 2008 Paper Drop-Off will be Tom Scelfo and Laura Magaraci.

Discussion of Contest, Earth Day, Satellite and Green Businesses: Frances Conant stated that she has obtained a name and address to send correspondence to Big Y in an effort to determine if they would be willing to participate in a program wherein the consumer would receive money back for providing their own plastic bags. Discussion followed regarding different ways of recycling plastic bags. Tom Scelfo then discussed a pilot program entitled “Pay to Throw”.

Baked Potato Festival Liaison report – Hank Petroskey - No report given, was not present.

10) Miscellaneous: The Board of Education has requested it be provided with recycling bins. Tom Scelfo requested that an item regarding statutory regulations on electronics recycling.

11) Citizen’s Statement: A resident of Marshfield Apartments inquired as how to ensure that the complex where she lives is provided with recycling services.

12) Adjournment

There being no further business, Mary Bigelow made a Motion, seconded by Deborah Anderson, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed, and the Motion passed.

Submitted by: Meaghan T. Campbell
Secretary

