

**AGENDA MINUTES
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 8, 2008
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.**

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, David Bowen, Francis Conant, Hank Petroskey, Thomas Scelfo, Deborah Anderson, Elizabeth Boissard, Barbara Hutchinson and Lorane Black
Also Present: Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood
Members Absent: Kate Fleming and Laura Magaraci
Guests: Town Manager Richard V. Branigan and Daniel Armin (not appointed as of yet)

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 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 April 10, 2008

Under members absent – *Michelle Knockwood* name was not listed. Under line item 5 – Report from Purchasing.... Under sub-heading Electronics Collection – Discussion regarding the continued use... followed *bulky waste*. (was missing end of sentence).

Discussion took place regarding June 7, 2008 should read *electronic pickup* not bulky waste pickup. The last sentence in this paragraph - Discussion followed regarding the placement of a list..... the sentence should read – *Discussion followed regarding an update list from CRRA on additional acceptance recycle items, a copy can be found at the paper drop off site and will be including in the welcome package.*

Under Item 8 – Sub-Committee Reports – Containers for Telephone Books it should read *Francis Conant* not Elizabeth Boissard; also it should read *telephone container* not recycling bin was empty...

Under Volunteers it should be April 26th not the 24th. Volunteers for May, 2008 Lorane Black and Barbara Hutchinson were not listed as being volunteers.

After the changes were noted, Thomas Scelfo made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2008, seconded by Elizabeth Boissard, all were in favor. Barbara Hutchinson, David Bowen and Hank Petroskey abstained.

4) Correspondence

Mary Bigelow presented the following:

- Wind over Wings sent a thank you note for the donation of \$170.00 in memory of Jeanette Marshall
- NRRRA 27th annual Recycling Conference & Expo, June 9th and 10th in Nashua, New Hampshire
- Resource Recycling Magazine
- Hazwaste Central article in The Sound

5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood

Discussion of Bulky Waste/leaves/brush disposal: Purchasing Assistant Michelle mentioned there was a lot of bulk for the Spring pickup. There were complaints from Ferraro's that people had lots of bulky waste out, one resident had a barn full of bulk out. Ferraro's was original doing bulk first then going back to get regular trash and recycling, Town Manager, Richard Branigan asked Ferraro's to do trash, recycling and then bulky waste.

Leaves and brush disposal: still a huge issue with DEP. Michelle Knockwood has been in contact with local farmers to see about compositing the leaves. Deb Ferraro has been in contact with DEP to obtain a general permit for a leave composite site.

Other: Hank Petroskey met with the Environmental Club at North Branford High School along with Rebecca Fox, advisor of this club. Recycle bins are in place also, in the café there is a recycle container for the water bottles. This committee is doing a great job with getting the word out to other high school students.

6) **High School Representative Report – Loren DeAngelo:** Was not presented

7) HazWaste Report/CT Solid Waste Management Plan Report

Walk-thru for the Hazardous Waste Satellite will take place on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the Recycling Center.

CT Solid Waster Management Plan: Mary Bigelow mentioned that she only attended the general meeting. The main discussion at this meeting was "How Small Business Recycle".

8) Sub-Committee Reports:

Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo

Thomas Scelfo spoke about an Act concerning the collection and recycling of covered electronic devices. Thomas passed out the Act for review.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Seventy cards were sent out for the months of February, March and April. Numerous residents have returned the postcard for their recycle bin.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – The hotline for Recycling/Trash Information is updated and still working fine!

Public Relations – Hank Petroskey and David Bowen – Hank Petroskey met with the Environmental Club at the North Branford High School.

Council Report – Lorane Black and Barbara Hutchinson – Lorane Black and Barbara Hutchinson attended the Town Council meeting April 22 which was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Barbara Hutchinson – Electronic Satellite which will be held at Sheehan High School in Wallingford and Electronic Recycle Center on Ciro Road. Article on any “Green Businesses in Town” and the winner of the Regional Water Authority hiking certificate was the Strak Family in Northford.

Containers for Telephone Books – Francis Conant – Telephone books were picked up.

Results of May Paper Drop-Off and Propane Collection – There were sixty people and one recycle bin was sold for \$8.00; 2 propane tanks, 4 tires and lots of oil w were collected.

Leaf Drop-Off Report – Lorane Black- Will report next regular schedule meeting.

9) Other Business:

Discussion Regarding Appointments: Appointments will be on the Town Council Agenda for the May 20th meeting.

Volunteers for April 5th Paper Drop-Off: The volunteers for June 7th Paper Drop-Off will be David Bowen, Hank Petroskey (will let Mary know for sure) and Barbara Hutchinson will be the pick up person if Hank can’t make it.

Discussion of Contest, Earth Day, Satellite and Green Businesses: The contest will end on Earth Day, which will be April 22 and the prize for the contest is a Regional Water Authority Recreation Permit. Our Satellite for HazWaste day is scheduled for June 14th at our Recycling center. Letters needed to go to the Police and Fire Department advising them of this of this date and a letter to Pam Gery at Park & Recreation and the chairperson of Little League, stating that the fields not be in use on this day

Baked Potato Festival Liaison report – Hank Petroskey - The festival this year will be a three day event. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 1, 2, and 3rd. Hank will be in contact with Ferraro’s to make sure they would have the appropriate recycling and trash bins.

Discussion regarding apartments/condominium recycling: Elizabeth Boissard mentioned in order for the program to work at apartments or condominium we need a list of all apartments and condominium in town, along with the of chairperson of the association

10) Miscellaneous: Mary Bigelow mentioned she received a copy of the Plan Conservation to review with this committee and any suggestions or changes should be directed to Mary and Mary will follow to the appropriate people.

11) Citizen’s Statement: None

12) Adjournment

There being no further business, Debra Anderson made a Motion, seconded by David Bowen, to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed, and the Motion passed.

Gina A. Cox, Secretary