

**AGENDA MINUTES  
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE  
Thursday, September 11, 2008  
Town Hall  
7:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mary Bigelow, Frances Conant, Laura Magaraci, Hank Petroskey, , Deborah Anderson, Elizabeth Boissard, Daniel Armin

**Members Absent:** Kate Fleming, David Bowen, Thomas Scelfo, Lorane Black , and Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood

**Guests:** Town Manager Richard Branigan and Nancy Cianciulli

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 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 July 10, 2008**

Elizabeth Boissard made a motion to approve the minutes of July 10, 2008, seconded by Daniel Armin, all were in favor. Frances Conant abstained.

**4) Correspondence**

Mary Bigelow presented the following:

- Chairperson Mary Bigelow welcomed Nancy Cianciulli, who may be interested in joining the committee
- Chairperson Mary Bigelow also mentioned there are two vacancy still need to be filled
- Atlas Auto Recycling news clipping
- New England Rain Barrel Company information
- Keep American Beautiful – monthly literature
- Recycling insert that went with the tax bills
- National Recycling Coalitions Annual Congress & EXPO – Innovation and Our Sustainable Future – September 21-24, 2008 – Pittsburgh, PA
- Wallingford Satellite Electronic Collection – 2.6% total of electronics that were collected came from North Branford/Northford.

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

**Discussion of Bulky Waste/leaves/brush disposal:** Town Manager, Richard Branigan mentioned in the upcoming months he would need input from this committee regarding using different owned Town properties for leave disposal and compositing. Another option would be working with surrounding towns. As more information is available Town Manager, Richard Branigan will address this committee.

**Other:** None

**6) HazWaste Report/CT Solid Waste Management Plan Report**

*CT Solid Waste Management Plan:* Mary Bigelow mentioned that the general meeting will be next week (week of September 19). Mary Bigelow will give an update at the next schedule meeting. Tom Scelfo will attend the October CT Solid Waste Management Plan meeting, which will be on Single Stream.

**7) Sub-Committee Reports:**

*Continued Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo – absent*

*Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thom Scelfo – absent*

*Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard-* In August didn't send any out, end of September will do August and September.

*Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson –* The hotline for Recycling/Trash Information is still working fine. Deborah Anderson will put on the recording information regarding the Electronic collection dates – September 12, October 4, and January 3, 2009. The collection center that is located on Ciro Road.

*Public Relations – Hank Petroskey and David Bowen –* Hank Petroskey reported he has been in touch with Ms. Fox who use to be the coordinator for the Environmental Club at North Branford High School. The high school is looking for another advisor to run this club. The Environmental Club at the high school can help the collection of old sneakers.

*Discussion of reporting to the Town Council –* Town Manager, Richard Branigan stated he will give a monthly report to the Town Council on behalf of this committee.

*Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Laura Magaraci –* An article will be written about the Electronic Recycling Center on Ciro Road with the upcoming dates. Laura Magaraci also mentioned she would like to do a press release regarding the Clothes/Shoe bin that is located at Public Works/Recycling Center on Forest Rd.

*Containers for Telephone Books – Frances Conant –* Frances Conant reported the container doesn't need to be emptied at this time. Question was asked if the telephone books can now be put at the curb? If so, the container may not be necessary at the recycling center.

*Results of August and September, 2008 Paper Drop-Off and Propane Collection –*There were thirty-one (31) people and two (2) recycle bin sold in August; no cards collected.

Thirty-seven (37), one recycle bin (1) and one (1) propane tank was collected in September.

*Leaf Drop-Off Report – Lorane Black-* No report - Lorane Black absent. Elizabeth Boissard working on "Thank you" notes for the Spring volunteers went out this month.

**8) Other Business:**

**Discussion Regarding Appointments:** Appointments for Mary Bigelow, Lorane Black and Frances Conant will (hopefully) be approved at the Town Council meeting scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Volunteers for October Paper Drop-Off:** The volunteers for October 4<sup>th</sup> Paper Drop-Off will be Deb Anderson Elizabeth Boissard.

**Baked Potato Festival Liaison report – Daniel Armin** – The festival on Saturday rained and all the products got wet, tent blew over.

**Collection of Books at Drop-Off center: Deborah Anderson**  
Deborah Anderson will check in to getting a container to recycle books.

**Discussion regarding apartments/condominium recycling:** Elizabeth Boissard passed out information regarding which condominiums and apartments recycle. Elizabeth Boissard contact Brook Meade apartments and Twin Lake Condo. Both are recycling and have recycling bin at their complexes.

**Discussion replace of Vice-Chairperson:** Hank Petroskey made a motion to nominate Tom Scelfo, if he accepts the position; seconded by Elizabeth Boissard, all were in favor.

**9) Miscellaneous:** Chairperson, Mary Bigelow received a call from Judy Barron, Senior Center Coordinator regarding talking to the senior about Hazardous Waste mid-October. Town Manger, Richard Branigan mentioned Atwater Library Renovation will be going ‘green’ with G-Thermal windows and solar panel will be installed at the library.

**10) Citizen’s Statement:** None

**11) Adjournment**

There being no further business, Hank Petroskey made a motion, seconded by Elizabeth Boissard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed, and the Motion passed.

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Gina A. Cox, Secretary