

MINUTES

HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 11, 2007
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

Members Present: David Rathbun, Mary Bigelow, David Bowen, Hank Petroskey, Elizabeth Boissard, Thomas Scelfo, Barbara Hutchinson, Jeanette Marshall and Lorane Black

Absent: Frances Conant, Kate Fleming and Deborah Anderson
Also Absent: Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chairman David Rathbun.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Committee faced the flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) **Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2007 Meeting**

Lorane Black made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of July 12, 2007. Elizabeth Boissard seconded the Motion. Barbara Hutchinson and Jeanette Marshall abstained. All others approved, and the Motion was passed.

4) **Correspondence**

David Rathbun stated there was no correspondence received to distribute.

5) **Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood**

Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood was absent from this meeting, but left a summary with David Rathbun to report from. She has had numerous conversations with Ferraro's Carting regarding curbside cardboard pickup. She has ordered 6,000 additional labels for their use in tagging curbside garbage that does not meet requirements. Residents are continuing to place bulky waste at curbside weekly. The Town Council requested Town Manager Karl Kilduff to get a price from Ferraro's for a dumpster being placed at the Public Works Garage for residents to bring bulky waste to during the year, and she has done some tagging of those items. The cost would be approximately \$6,500 for the balance of 2007; for a

full year it would be approximately \$10,000. If approved, funding would be required by the Town Council. She requested that the Committee members discuss and decide upon the Blue Rhino collection of empty propane tanks, in order to have it in place for November. There is a charge of \$3.00 per tank, and there is a minimum of a collection of 36 tanks for a pickup. Public Works Director Fran Merola has indicated that he would have room to store the tanks until pickup. Lastly, the dates of October 13 and October 20, 2007 have been established for an electronics collection at Computer Recycling, 27 Ciro Road, North Branford. No televisions will be accepted.

6) HazWaste Central/CT Solid Waste Management Plan Report

Thomas Scelfo stated that it seems the DEP is pushing “Pay as You Throw” as the ultimate solution. Mary Bigelow reported that a Bulk Waste Satellite Collection was brought up by the Finance Committee in response to a concern voiced to the Town Council by a resident, with this Committee being in charge of the collection. Various concerns of it being run by a volunteer committee had been discussed, and the Finance Committee decided that they would like to see how the newly implemented biannual curbside collection works first.

7) Discussion of Projects and/or Events for 2008

A discussion was held regarding projects and/or events that this Committee would like to undertake in 2008, and the following was decided upon:

(1) A clarification and/or establishment on the ordinance regarding the enforcement of fines as it relates to who is able to collect fine funds.

(2) A possible update to the current trash hauler contract to accept aseptic packaging and gray board packaging at curbside, since any hauler who has a contract with CRRA has to accept them. This would only be considered after Ferraro’s Carting had an opportunity for discussion with Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood for their perspective.

(3) The request to the Regional Water Authority for their donation of a Recreational Permit for this Committee to use as a prize giveaway in conjunction with Earth Day.

(4) A new sign for use at the Public Works Department. The replacement of the banner due to its condition was discussed, but the members did not feel it was cost-worthy to replace it. Lorane Black made a Motion, seconded by Elizabeth Boissard, to not replace the banner. All were in favor, none opposed, and the Motion was approved.

(5) The continued request for placement of recycling bins being in place at Town parks and fields for recreational events and sports games. It was suggested that a member of the Recreation Commission attend one of our meetings to offer input and suggestions. Mary Bigelow had electronically submitted information regarding a Coca-Cola and National Recycling Coalition grant program to help supply groups with recycling bins at sporting and music venues and schools (open to include municipal groups.) This information will be provided to Pamela Gery, Recreation Director, with a request for her to ask for permission from the Recreation Commission to apply for the grant (deadline is October 26th.)

8) **Open Items:**

Welcome Kit Results: Elizabeth Boissard reported that one person turned in a postcard, and that one other family was given a bin and packet of information who was new to the Town but had not yet received the Welcome postcard.

Results of October Paper Drop-Off: Elizabeth Boissard reported there were 55 cars, and one bin was sold.

Preparation for North Branford Recycles Day: This will take place on November 3, 2007. David Rathbun will follow up with Public Works Director Fran Merola and Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood. It was agreed that the same cost structure for tires will remain.

Status of Volunteers for Leaf Drop-Off Program: Lorane Black has the following time slots open for volunteers: October 27th, morning; November 10, morning and afternoon; November 17, morning; and November 24, morning and afternoon. She is waiting to hear back from the Boy Scouts. She has advised Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood that two open-ended roll-off containers will be needed. Bozzuto's Carting will be the hauler, at the same cost as last year.

9) **Other Business**

Volunteers for November 3, 2007 Paper Drop Off and North Branford Recycles Day: Elizabeth Boissard, Lorane Black, and David Rathbun will be the volunteers.

Future Articles for Totoket Times and The Sound: Articles will be submitted regarding the North Branford Recycles Day, the leaf collection, and the upcoming electronics collection at Computer Recycling, 27 Ciro Road, North Branford on October 13 and October 20, 2007. In addition, an article advising residents that scrap metal should be separated from bulky waste at curbside for the week of the November 5, 2007 collections.

Condition of Recycling Banner: This was discussed under Line Item #7 of the Agenda.

Miscellaneous: The Committee members will be requested to notify the Chairperson by telephone if they are unavailable to attend the monthly meeting. This will ensure that a meeting will only be held if a quorum is available.

10) **Citizen's Statements**

There were no citizens in attendance at this meeting.

11) **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette M. Marshall, Clerk