

MINUTES

HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 12, 2007
Town Hall
7:30 p.m.

Members Present: David Rathbun, Mary Bigelow, David Bowen, Hank Petroskey, Elizabeth Boissard, Thomas Scelfo, Deborah Anderson and Lorane Black

Absent: Frances Conant, Kate Fleming and Barbara Hutchinson
Also Absent: Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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 March 8, 2007 Meeting**

David Bowen made a Motion to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of March 8, 2007. Thomas Scelfo seconded the Motion. Elizabeth Boissard, Hank Petroskey and Deborah Anderson abstained. All others approved, and the Motion was passed.

4) **Correspondence**

David Rathbun distributed for review the following correspondence:

- 1) Resourceful Bag & Tag, Inc. mailing regarding Clear Stream products
- 2) AmeriMark Direct - 2007 Product Catalog
- 3) New Haven Register article "Bottle Bill all about collection, not recycling" from the Forum Section, dated March 27, 2007 (from Lorane Black)
- 4) Earth Day 2007 Flyer from Connecticut Energy Efficient Fund and the UI for programs taking place at the Smart Living Center in Orange on April 14th (from Hank Petroskey)

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. Ferraro's Carting has won the Town's trash bid, with a three year contract beginning on July 1, 2007. They have purchased new trucks. The Committee members agreed that they would like to meet with a representative of the company at one of our meetings at some point. There is some question as to whether Ferraro's Carting has a permit for leaf collection and composting as the current trash hauler John's Refuse does. David Rathbun will check with Michelle Knockwood for that information. She left a copy of the budget. The total budget is \$25,775.00. The recycling coordinator position was not approved by Town Manager Karl Kilduff. The Satellite Collection is safe so far, but will not be if the referendum comes in too high. John's Refuse will provide a dumpster for the Spring Leaf Collection on April 14th. Lastly, with regard to the Best Buys grant program, the maximum grant is \$1,500 which would not cover the expenses for an electronics collection, so this Committee would not be applying for that grant.

6) HazWaste Central Report

Mary Bigelow reported the following:

(1) The Education Committee has disbanded; there was not enough interest of other towns to work regionally to encourage more recycling through a shared "pool" of money; (2) there are new updated brochures for HazWaste Central; (3) July 28th and September 29th are the dates for North Branford volunteers at HazWaste Central; (4) Clean Harbors got the contract for the HazWaste Central disposal at the Town's cost of \$37.00 per household use; (5) a residential electronics recycling event will take place at Cheshire High School at May 12, 2007; (6) she is now a member of the State Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee, whose main topic focus is source reduction issues; and (7) she questioned if participation should be done again in the Nike Sneakers collection, to which the Committee agreed (this will be published in the newspaper in May/June.)

7) Open Items:

Welcome Kit Results for April: One new resident came in with a postcard. There are only six recycle bins available, and they are not being ordered until July 1, 2007. The Committee decided to still send out the postcards, and if the bin supply is depleted and a new resident turns in a postcard, the informational packet will be given to them and a Committee member would hand deliver the bin when it comes in.

Update of DEP Written Grant Application: The grant application was submitted on March 8, 2007. The due date is April 15th, and it states that the grant committee will review each application and make awards in May, with no specific date. The applications are judged on environmental benefits.

8) Other Business

Volunteers for May 5, 2007 Paper Drop Off and North Branford Recycles Day: Elizabeth Boissard, Lorane Black, and David Bowen will be the volunteers. David Rathbun possibly may be available. The Tonka Truck giveaway will be conducted that day, with three winners drawn at 10:30 a.m.

Future Articles for Totoket Times and The Sound: Future articles should be about the North Branford Recycles Day, the leaf collection, and the upcoming electronics collection at Cheshire High School on May 12, 2007.

Miscellaneous: David Bowen suggested that special labels should be ordered for the bulky waste pickup change. The trash hauler should affix a label to any bulky waste that is placed curbside in a week that does not fall during the new semi-annual pickup. David Rathbun stated that he would not be able to make it to the leaf collection on April 14th until 10:00 a.m. He will get the sign at the location prior to that time. Lorane Black has called Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood and Public Works Director Fran Merola to remind them about it. Lorane Black advised that Boy Scout Troop 463 will be at the first shift of the leaf collection, and Betty Anderson will do the afternoon shift. A discussion was held regarding this Committee's participation in the Memorial Day Parade, and a commitment for marchers couldn't be met. Therefore, we will forego marching again this year. The Parks and Recreation Department has invited this Committee to participate in the annual Baked Potato Festival on August 4, 2007. A suggestion to have a Wind Over Wings demonstration of rehabilitated birds. It was suggested that we contact Tilcon Connecticut to see if they would fund the demonstration at the cost of \$350.00. Frank Mentone of the Totoket Times has agreed to give this Committee a column every other week, and if an article needs to be published "in the interest of time", he will publish it in the "off week" of the newspaper's publishing dates. Lastly, David Rathbun reported that he will be scheduling a meeting with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Wolfe in order to help the Committee get full reporting credit for the recycling that is taking place at the schools. He will go over what this Committee does, and advise that the State is coming up with new rules and regulations, and will look for his partnership with our Committee. He would also request that Groundskeeper Todd Jaramiello be an ad hoc Committee member to pull in the school system to work with us.

9) Citizen's Statements

There were no citizen's statements at this meeting.

10) Adjournment

There being no further business, Lorane Black made a Motion, seconded by Elizabeth Boissard, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. All were in favor, none opposed; and the Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette M. Marshall, Clerk