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MINUTES

HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 8, 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, Lorane Black, Kate Fleming and Deborah Anderson. Also present was Lauren DeAngelo, a citizen of Northford.

Absent: Frances Conant. Also Absent: Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood.

1) **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 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 October 11, 2007. Elizabeth Boissard seconded the Motion. Kate Fleming and Deborah Anderson abstained. All others approved, and the Motion was passed.

4) **Correspondence**

David Rathbun reported he had received the following, and passed copies around to the Committee members:

“Waste News” subscription offer

Connecticut DEP “State Solid Waste Management Plan; Amended Dec. 2006” - booklet

“Changing the Balance”

“Keep America Beautiful” mailing

“Pollution Prevention View” Fall 2007, Vol. 7, Issue 4

Flyer regarding “The Mystical Magic Company” for free “Recycling is Magic” shows at the New Haven Public Libraries



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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. Aseptic Containers: She had spoken with a representative at Ferraro's Carting regarding their accepting aseptic containers, and was advised that some residents are doing it already. Advertising to the public should be done to inform them that this type of packaging is now acceptable at curbside recycling. She was told that they feel the Board of Education should be instituting this type of recycling also. The new Building Grounds and Supervisor should be invited to our next meeting to discuss this. The issue of grey board was not addressed in Michelle Knockwood's report. Electronics Collection: Forty residents attended the electronics collection at Computer Recycling on the two Saturdays that it was held. The owner is willing to offer another collection in December. The Committee members felt that January would be a better time for a collection. He is also willing to host another collection with the bulky waste pickup in Spring 2008. David Rathbun will ask Mrs. Knockwood to contact Computer Recycling to express our interest in having a collection in January 2008. Bulk Week: The collection has been going fairly well. Some residents have put items out at curbside after their normal trash day, so Ferraro's Carting will be doing a second round to pick up all remaining items. Electronics have been tagged and not taken. Nothing will be picked up after November 10th. Miscellaneous: Ferraro's Carting reported that in October 2007 they picked up 455 tons of garbage, versus October 2006 when John's Refuse picked up 495 tons of garbage. However, the collection of recyclables increased from 80 tons in October 2007 up from 77 tons in October 2006.

6) HazWaste Central/CT Solid Waste Management Plan Report

Mary Bigelow stated that the DEP continues to push "Pay as You Throw" as the ultimate solution. At the November 3, 2007 electronics collection, 799 people attended; 40 of them were North Branford residents. HazWaste Central has "Ask HazWaste" on their website, and two email questions came in from North Branford residents which she answered. A portion of her meeting included discussion of "Single Stream." The "Bottle Bill" will be discussed again, and there will be a suggested increase of deposit from 5 cents to 10 cents per bottle. They would like the funds to be distributed to an organization who promotes recycling education. Lastly, she reported that the Town of Bristol has updated an ordinance and has Public Works employees targeting residents who don't have a recycle bin out and who are placing recyclables in with their garbage. There is a \$100.00 fine.

7) Discussion and Approval of Committee Meeting Schedule 2008

A draft of the Schedule of Meetings 2008 was presented and discussed. The meetings will take place on the second Thursday of the month, with the exception of August when no meeting will be held. There were no conflicts with the regularly scheduled meeting dates and Town holidays. Lorane Black made a motion to approve the Schedule of Meetings 2008. Deborah Anderson seconded the motion. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed. The Schedule will be filed with the Town Clerk.

8) Nomination of Officers for 2008

David Bowen made a motion to nominate Mary Bigelow as Chairman. Elizabeth Boissard seconded the motion. Mrs. Bigelow accepted the nomination. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed. Elizabeth Boissard made a motion to nominate Barbara

Hutchinson as Vice Chairman. Hank Petroskey seconded the motion. Barbara Hutchinson accepted the nomination. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed. Kate Fleming made a motion to nominate Elizabeth Boissard as Secretary. David Bowen seconded the motion. Elizabeth Boissard accepted the nomination. All were in favor, none opposed, and the motion passed.

9) Selection of Committee Members to Oversee Projects and/or Events for 2008

A discussion was held regarding the projects and/or events that this Committee had previously discussed to undertake in 2008, and the following members will oversee these projects:

(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. MEMBERS: It was decided that in January 2008, the members of this Committee would regularly attend a Town Council meeting monthly (once per month) under their Line Item Agenda of "Boards and Commissions" to discuss this ordinance and enforcement. A legal opinion will be requested from the new incoming Town attorney.

(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: MEMBER: Since this has been resolved and aseptic packaging is now being accepted curbside, "Recycling in Schools" will replace this project. Lorane Black will oversee this project.

(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: MEMBER(S): Barbara Hutchinson will oversee this project, with assistance from Jeanette Marshall.

(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: MEMBER: Elizabeth Boissard will oversee this project.

(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): MEMBER(S): Hank Petroskey will oversee this project, with assistance from Jeanette Marshall.

10) **Open Items:**

Welcome Kit Results: Elizabeth Boissard reported that two people turned in postcards. In January 2008, she will put together new, updated packets to put in the recycle bins.

Results of North Branford Recycles Day, Paper Drop-Off Collection and Propane Tank Collection: David Rathbun stated that the Totoket Times did not print the article regarding the collection. No batteries or oil was brought in, but 53 cars attended and 12 tires were brought in (netting \$36.00) and 23 propane tanks were brought in (netting \$69.00). Elizabeth Boissard will begin to keep track of the funds that come in beginning January 2008.

Status of Volunteers for Leaf Drop-Off Program: Lorane Black was scheduled for the afternoon shift of November 24th but is now unable to cover it. Hank Petroskey will replace her as a volunteer.

11) **Other Business**

Volunteers for December 1, 2007 Paper Drop Off: Lorane Black and David Rathbun will be the volunteers.

Future Articles for Totoket Times and The Sound: Articles will be submitted regarding the propane tank collection.

Miscellaneous: No discussion.

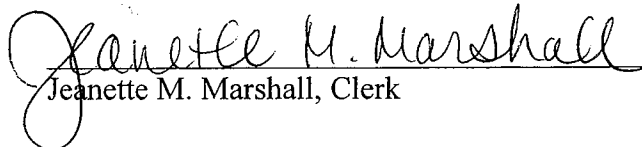
12) **Citizen's Statements**

Lauren DeAngelo of Northford presented a report that she prepared regarding the need for improved recycling in the schools. She would like to see better recycling plans implemented in the schools, and would like to be pro-active in this regard.

13) **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Hank Petroskey 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.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeanette M. Marshall, Clerk