

**Agenda Minutes/Notes**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, January 14, 2010**  
**Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Laura Magaraci, Daniel Armin and Hank Petroskey

**Members Absent:** Lorane Black, David Bowen, Frances Conant, Deborah Anderson, Elizabeth Boissard and Nancy Cianciulli

**Guests:** None.

**1) Call to Order**

The discussion started at 7:38 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 December 10, 2009:** As there was no quorum present, a motion could not be made to approve minutes.

**4) Correspondence:** Chairperson Bigelow handed out all mail she had received to date for review.

**5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard**

**Branigan:** Purchasing Assistant, Michelle Knockwood reviewed the budget with the Committee and asked for any comments and/or changes. A brief discussion then followed regarding trash bids. A brief discussion then also followed regarding a call the Town received from We Recycle and the recycling of electronics. The discussion focused on whether or not there will be cost charged to the Town or whether the manufacturers are supposed to be picking up the costs of recycling. Tom Scelfo will attempt to get clarification of this from Mr. Metzner at his meeting tomorrow. Michelle Knockwood lastly reported that she will be attending a meeting at the State Capital next week on solid waste disposal and will report back to the committee with regard to that meeting.



**6) Sub-Committee Reports:**

*Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo* – Tom reported that the e-waste plan is still on schedule.

*Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo* – Town Manager Branigan is attempting to resurrect the documents through Town Attorney John Gesmonde's office for his review and will report back.

*Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz* did not attend the meeting and as such, did not report anything.

*Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson* – Debbie did not attend meeting and therefore, there was nothing to report.

*School Liaison – Hank Petroskey* – Hank spoke with Superintendent Schoonmaker and discussed the recycling needs at the schools and set up a meeting to take place between the two of them, Town Manager Branigan, Nancy Cianciulli and Mary Bigelow to take place on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. A brief discussion followed regarding the topics that should be discussed at that meeting, i.e. earth day celebration and recycling standards at the schools. Mary then reported that she received a phone call from Bill Choti at the schools who has requested more recycling bins as they have been expanding areas and the track coach also inquired about putting together a recycling fundraiser and asked if the Committee could provide a dumpster for that fundraiser.

*Public Relations - Dan Armin*– Dan took pictures of sign on the building for the Committee review and decide what changes may want to be made.

*Report Town Council* –. The new recycling card has been published and distributed. Waiting for response from Town Attorney on the Town Ordinance on recycling.

*Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Laura Magaraci* – Laura reported that she completed the advertisement regarding the need for associates. Laura discussed putting together some sort of Earth Day Celebration notification with some sort of town-wide trash pick up being held on or around Earth Day and perhaps getting all of the schools involved in same.

*Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen* – Dave was not present, no comments were made.

*Results of January 2, 2009 Drop-Off and Propane Collection* – The dumpster was filled, no bins were sold and no propane tanks were taken in. Dan reported that 33 cars came through.

*Status of collection of Books at Drop-Off Center* – Ms. Magaraci stated that once again the woman is not getting her the copy of the certificate of insurance and she will be following up with the Town Manager to attempt to get this information for the Town.

**7) Other Business:**

**Volunteers for the February 6, 2010 Paper Drop-Off:** Hank will volunteer and Laura may be able to also, someone will also be checking with Liz to see if she can act as a back-up.

**8) Report Hazwaste Central MPC/CT Product Stewardship Council:** Mary reviewed information regard the CT Product Stewardship Council, noting that she has been appointed on the Paint Committee and that there have been discussions on whether or not to take oil-based too and that pharmaceuticals and fertilizers will be looked into next. She also stated that a gentleman from the Sierra Club talked to them regarding the “bag bill” and is trying to get us on board, however nothing has been resolved and he wants us to work on discouraging people from using plastic bags at the stores. Lastly, she reported that the Committee will be meeting quarterly.

**8) Citizen’s Statement:** None

**10) Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Meaghan T. Campbell, Secretary