

Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 8, 2009
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Daniel Armin, Elizabeth Boissard, David Bowen, Lorane Black, Nancy Cianciulli and Hank Petroskey

Members Absent: Deborah Anderson, Laura Magaraci, Frances Conant

Guests: Town Manager, Richard V. Branigan

1) Call to Order

The discussion started at 7:30 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 September 10, 2009

Liz Boissard made a motion to approve the April 9, 2009 minutes, as amended; seconded by Hank Petroskey, all were favor.

4) Correspondence: Review of correspondence –Mary passed out the Monthly Recycling Magazine.

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

Branigan: Town Manager Branigan handed out the MSW totals noting that there is nothing remarkable on the report, however he stated that the Committee should pay attention to the 7,000 tons per year noted on the graph and stated that we have to stay above that number. Town Manager Branigan also reported that the Town Council approved a resolution that allows us to enter into a solid waste planning study with the council of governments. Town Manager Branigan stated that our contract with CRRA expires in 2012 and we need to look at alternatives at this time.

6) HazWaste Report/CT Solid Waste Management Plan Report

Mary reported that she attended the CT Solid Waste Management Meeting and gave the Committee a summary of that meeting. She stated that they were given a status of DEP on all different topics that committee came up with and wanted them to act on. One topic being the source reduction and management in solid waste requiring disposal, permitting and enforcement. She also reported that the recycling website now has a section for municipalities and she believes

it would be beneficial for all members to visit this site as it will be a valuable tool. You can find this information at www.ct.gov/dep/recycling.

7) Sub-Committee Reports:

Discussion E – Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo – Tom reported that he attended meeting with Tom Metzner at DEP, who have finally come up with regulations for the e-waste plan and he then reviewed with the Committee what those regulations consist of, including the strict time constraints that the Town will have meet.

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – Nothing, waiting for Town Attorney's review.

Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz reported that 3 people came in and that she did receive updated information from Parks and Recreation.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – Nothing, Debbie was not present at meeting.

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey – Hank sent an e-mail to the high school and NBIS and no one has responded yet. Town Manager Branigan asked that he be copied on all e-mails sent to the school so he can follow-up with the Superintendent. Nancy reported that she is going to set up a visit with the teachers.

Public Relations - Dan Armin– Dan said he has talked to Peter at New Haven Sign regarding a leaf drop off sign and stated that it would cost approximately \$300.00 for a 3' x 8' sign. He also stated that the recycling sign needs to be replaced that is on the building also.

Report Town Council – Status on Recycling Ordinance and need extra people for this committee, there is still one vacancy to be filled.

Publicity/Articles for Newspapers – Laura Magaraci – Nothing to report.

Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen – Dave reported that the phone book container is $\frac{2}{3}$ – $\frac{3}{4}$ full and the mixed paper needs to be emptied too, he will make sure they are emptied by November.

Results of September, 2009 Drop-Off and Propane Collection – Lorane reported that 3 people came with paper 3 small propane tanks at \$1.00 a piece and 3 bins were collected.

Status of collection of Books at Drop-Off Center – Mary stated that Laura e-mailed her stating she still had not received the insurance form and at this point she does not know what to do, as they will not respond to her. Town Manager Branigan suggested that Laura send the contact information to Michelle so that she can try to get information from her.

Leaf Drop Off – Lorane Black - None Lorane has calls out to all volunteers from the Spring for October 17th and has the morning of October 24th covered, but needs some from 12:00 – 3:00 Hank and Nancy said that they will also try to get someone there. It should be noted on the press release that leaves need to be in brown paper bags or loose – **no plastic bags**. Town Manager Branigan stated that we are making one change this year in that there will be no

dumpsters, the leaves are going on the ground as it will be much easier. Fran from Public Works will establish a fenced in area with a secured gate when no one is there and a key can be left at police station for access.

8) Other Business:

- **Discussion Regarding Appointments:** Mary mentioned still needed extra volunteers for this committee. Mary stated that there is still one vacancy and that Debbie Ferraro stated that she is interested in joining.
- **Volunteers for the November 7, 2009:** Lorane Black and David Bowen will be volunteers.

9) Miscellaneous: Mary stated that as of October 1, 2009 water bottles will be accepted as refunded recyclable bottles at \$.05/bottle, including flavored water bottles. Mary also discussed the acceptance of oil-based paint as hazardous waste material. Lorane mentioned the composter and talking to Agway and see if anyone actually brought in the discount cards to see how they want to proceed at this time and also to tell them that everyone thought it was expensive.

10) Citizen's Statement: None

11) Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Meaghan T. Campbell, Secretary