

Agenda Minutes
HAZARDOUS WASTE/RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Thursday, November 18, 2010
Town Hall - 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mary Bigelow, Thomas Scelfo, Lorane Black, David Bowen, Elizabeth Boissard, Deborah Anderson, Hank Petroskey, Donna Cordone and Art Feldman

Members Absent: Nancy Cianciulli, Daniel Armin, Laura Magaraci

Guests: Dennis Liebel.

1) Call to Order

The discussion started at 7:37 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 October 14, 2010

4) Correspondence: Review of correspondence – Resource Recycling Magazine was passed around for review.

5) Report from Purchasing Assistant Michelle Knockwood/Town Manager, Richard Branigan: Michelle Knockwood stated that there were some complaints about bulky pick up over Halloween, in that some residents felt it was hazardous to have bulky waste out for children to trip over, etc. Chairperson Bigelow asked about the status of the electronics plan and Michelle stated that she has not seen anything from the Town Manager yet. Tom Scelfo stated that he spoke with Tom Metzner about the list of approved recyclers and Mr. Metzner stated that the list should be up by December 1st, give or take a day, then stated that they have still not received North Branford's filled out form for a plan. After brief discussion, it was agreed that Tom Scelfo would report back to Tom Metzner that once the Town has a list of approved recyclers, then it can provide a plan. Michelle reported that the electronic's collection will be the second Saturday in January (1/8/11).

6) Sub-Committee Reports: Mary changed some positions around

Status of Waste Plan – Thomas Scelfo – See above

Status of Trash/Recycling Ordinance – Thomas Scelfo – Tom reported that it is status quo – whatever is done with it now is out of his hands.

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Welcome Kit- Elizabeth Boissard- Liz reported that that she sent 11 cards for September and October and had one returned. Lorane gave her some information from the Historical Society to add to the welcome package.

Answering Machine Information – Deborah Anderson – Debbie reported that she updated the line with all of the current/correct information.

School Liaison – Hank Petroskey and Dan – Mary reported that Dan contacted her and stated that he is still trying to get a hold of the Superintendent to discuss that they are not doing what they are supposed to be doing with regard to recycling. Hank stated that he has contacted all of the teacher coordinators at the schools and heard back from the high school that she has a new group of students who are raring to go and is scheduling a meeting with that group. Hank and Dan met with the school liaison who was very excited about things they are doing with composting, etc., but nothing concrete came out of the meeting. They discussed the laws of recycling, gave a tour of the new facility, new rec area, etc.. It was mentioned that they do have a staff meeting every Wednesday morning and Hank will be contacting them to be placed on their agenda after the first of the year. Hank stated that they are still waiting to get in with the high school kids. Hank also reported that he contacted Bridgeport and it was not a “model” program, but he will continue to dialogue with them.

Public Relations – Laura and Art – Signs – Art went to the Town Council meeting with Dan this week and Richard reported on behalf of the Hazwaste group. Art stated that as it is the last weekend for leaf collection, both signs will have to come down at the libraries. Art then reported that we are still holding on sign with Public Works Director, Fran Merola as we need to see what he is doing before we can decide what to do with our sign. Art also reported that he spoke with Anthony Esposito at the Town Council meeting regarding updating the Town website, noting that communication coming up for the new year is pivotal because a lot of things have changes, so we really need to reeducate in a clear, concise and consistent manner. Michelle mentioned that the biggest challenge in putting the card together is that we still do not know what is happening with the electronics and discussion followed regarding putting in the electronics information on the card or leaving it out, it was agreed to hold off on updating the card until late January, early February. Art said he would like to redesign the card and will send Tom the template.

Publicity & Articles – Donna & Nancy– Donna brought the print from the Sound to show the group and stated that the Committee will have a “standing” spot in the Totoket Times to advertise. Donna will talk with Art and Anthony about updating the Town website and reported that she is still working on press releases.

Report Town Council – Dan Armin – Dan was not present at meeting. Art stated that he will make sure the Town Manager brings up the recycling ordinance to the Town Council and as if there a state required date it has to be in place by.

Containers for Telephone Books – David Bowen – Dave asked what becomes of the books being dropped in the book bin. Mary stated that if they are good, they will resell them and recycle the rest. Dave reported that the paper bin should have been emptied and the phone book box had been emptied.

Results of November 6, 2010 Paper Drop-Off – Dave reported that 50 vehicles came through and no money was collected.

Status of collection of Books at Drop-Off Center – Dave reported that the box is in place.

Leaf Drop Off – Lorane Black – Lorane said it went very well and mentioned that she talked to a couple of people, and not that she minds doing it, but do we really need the volunteers there? Discussion followed regarding whether all volunteers are necessary and Mary asked Lorane to call Fran Merola and ask him if it should be supervised.

7) Other Business:

- **Status regarding future appointments** – Dennis Liebel is still interested and Mary asked for a small bio about himself and stated that she will put in for 14 members and everyone can look for one more person to join.
 - **Solid Waste Management Plan Advisory Committee** – Tom stated that Tom Metzner said that they had to get more information from the applicants and it should be up on the site within 2 weeks.
 - **Discussion of N.B. e-Waste Plan and collections.** Mary stated that Hazwaste Central wants to know if we want to do a satellite, she has forwarded this information to the Town Manager has not heard back from him, she did state that the cost would be approximately \$12,000.00 for one day.
 - **Volunteers for December 4, 2010 Paper Drop Off** – Hank and Liz volunteered for the December 4, 2010 paper drop off.
 - **Nike Reuse a Shoe** – Mary stated that she met the manager at the outlet and he said that if we get a large group of items and we can call him and he'll get someone out to pick up the sneakers.
- 8) Miscellaneous:** Dave asked about mattresses, can you put them out? Michelle stated yes, but not in large numbers and John's Refuse has been told they cannot pick up more than six from a

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residence in a week. Mary mentioned that the group will be discussing the recycling plan, the trash card and the budget at the next meeting.

9) Citizen's Statement: None

10) Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Meaghan T. Campbell, Secretary